



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021

## On This Date

**1861** – Queen Victoria issued a proclamation of British neutrality regarding the civil war that was raging in the United States.

**1930** – The Adler Planetarium and Astronomical Museum opened to the public in Chicago. It was the first modern planetarium in North America.

**1938** – *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland, premiered at Radio City Music Hall.

**1963** – Bob Dylan canceled an appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show* over a dispute with censors about the lyrics of his song “Talkin’ John Birch Paranoid Blues.”



## Nightingale Notes

Not only did Florence Nightingale revolutionize nursing but she also inspired a poem, “Santo Filomena,” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

## Quote of the Day

“I attribute my success to this—I never gave or took any excuse.”

~ *Florence Nightingale*

## Happy Birthday!

**Florence Nightingale** (1820–1910) became an icon of the Victorian era as “The Lady with the Lamp” for tending to wounded soldiers at night



during the Crimean War. Today, she’s remembered as a pioneer of nursing and a reformer of hospital sanitation methods. She was also a mathematician and prodigious writer who encouraged hospitals to collect data and generate statistical reports. The annual International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world on her birthday, and the Florence Nightingale Medal is the highest international distinction a nurse can achieve.



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**Today is** Limerick Day, honoring the birth of limerick writer Edward Lear on this day in 1812. Lear is best remembered for his nonsensical limericks and poems, in which he invented several nonsense words, such as “runcible spoon.”

## You Are What You Eat

You should be able to find cheese crisp on the menu of any restaurant in Arizona. Cheese crisp is a deceptively simple dish. It is a fried tortilla loaded with cheeses such as Monterey Jack, cheddar, cotija, or asadero, which is then broiled until the cheese is bubbly and brown. Some think of cheese crisp solely as an appetizer, but if done right, it can also become a main dish. Not only is it cooked on a round pizza pan, but it can be loaded with pizza-like toppings such as tomatoes, onions, or meats, and served with guacamole dip or salsa on the side.

## Who Said So?

This eccentric comedian with a wabbling falsetto said, “A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.”

*ANSWER: Emo Philips*

## Garden Party

Why are roses considered so superior to other flowers? The most likely explanation is that roses have held symbolic significance for humans for millennia. They have represented purity and passion, suffering and peace. Perhaps this was due to the symmetry of the rose’s circular pattern, or the beauty of the flower and its sweet fragrance juxtaposed with its sharp thorns. Other flowers, such as the lily or the lotus, have tried to compete with the rose for popularity but to no avail.



## Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

guinea pig

squirrel

porcupine

hedgehog

*ANSWER: A hedgehog is not a rodent; the others are rodents.*