



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

On This Date

753 BC – Rome was founded by Romulus and Remus.

1878 – At Engine Company 21 in Chicago, fireman George Reid slid down the binding pole from the hayloft to answer an alarm. His actions inspired poles in fire stations everywhere.

1986 – The Chernobyl nuclear plant in Pripjat, Ukraine, exploded in the world's worst civil nuclear catastrophe.

1956 – Elvis Presley's first hit record, *Heartbreak Hotel*, reached No. 1 on the charts. A newspaper article about the suicide of a lonely man who jumped from a hotel window inspired the lyrics, which were written by Tommy Durden and Mae Boren Axton.



1989 – The student-led Tiananmen Square protest in China began.

Daily Trivia

Reno, Nevada, is farther west than Los Angeles, California.

Quote of the Day

“I would always rather be happy than dignified.”

~ from *Jane Eyre*

Happy Birthday!

Charlotte Brontë (1816–1855) was one of the most famous female novelists of the Victorian era. Early in her career, she devoted herself to poetry. After completing school



and becoming a teacher, Charlotte turned to fiction, in large part because it had become a more marketable genre. In 1847, she finished *Jane Eyre*, her most popular novel, which was originally published under the pen name Currer Bell. Her other works include *Shirley* and *Villette*. She married parish priest Arthur Bell Nicholls in 1854 but died the next year due to complications with a pregnancy.



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Today is Kindergarten Day, honoring the birthday of Friedrich Frobel, inventor of the first kindergarten in Germany in 1837. Frobel realized that children have unique learning needs that require a unique form of pedagogy.

Eye in the Sky

In 2008, a massive nine-ton meteorite exploded over the desert of Sudan. Scientists named it Almahata Sitta



for a nearby bus depot. Meteor fragments that were recovered awed astronomers because they were studded with

tiny diamonds. Scientists were equally awed when new analysis of the meteor showed that the space rocks were part of a much larger asteroid, one as large as a small planet. The meteorite was made up of unusual minerals that could only exist on much larger asteroids out in our solar system. Where that asteroid is hiding is anyone's guess.

Punny Business

My therapist told me to buy a book on phobias, but I was afraid it wouldn't help me.

Root of the Matter

Chasing rainbows

Those who are criticized for *chasing rainbows* are dismissed as pursuing goals that are unrealistic, fanciful, or unlikely to happen. The expression most likely comes from the Irish myth that pots of gold are hidden by leprechauns at the end of rainbows. In this old tale, a couple digs up a carrot to find a leprechaun dangling from its end. In exchange for his release, the clever leprechaun tells the couple they can find a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. The couple ends up chasing rainbows, without finding any treasure, for the rest of their days.

Word Scramble

LEICTLAVA

To waver between different opinions, be indecisive

ANSWER: VACILLATE