



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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It's Christmas Eve!



On This Date

1818 – “Silent Night” was performed for the first time at St. Nicholas parish church in a small Austrian village. The lyrics were written by Joseph Mohr, and the melody was composed by Franz Gruber. The song has been recorded by numerous singers from just about every musical genre.

1901 – The American postmaster general issued an order allowing private companies to use the words *Post Card* rather than *Private Mailing Card* on their postcards.

1936 – Radiation was used to treat disease for the first time when John Lawrence used a radioactive isotope of phosphorus-32 to treat one of his leukemia patients.

Did You Know?

Eggnog is generally only commercially available in grocery stores from mid-November to early January. Enjoy it while you can.

Quote of the Day

“’Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.”

~ *Clement Clarke Moore*

Happy Birthday!

Diane Tell, born in 1959, is one of Québec’s pioneering female singer-songwriters. The accomplished musician started writing songs at the age of 12 and has toured, written, composed, and recorded in Canada, France, the U.K., and Switzerland.



She wrote the score for and played the leading role in the musical *Marilyn Montreuil*, which was performed more than 300 times in Europe.

Tell has released over 20 albums, from 1977’s *Diane Tell* to 2019’s *Haiku*. She has a strong social media presence, including her blog, *Diane Cause Musique*, which helps new musicians get started.