



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

On This Date

1844 – A patent for “a new and improved harpoon for the destruction and taking of whales” was issued to Albert Moore. An explosive device was cleverly contained in the tip of the harpoon.

1850 – Nathaniel Hawthorne’s *The Scarlet Letter* was published. The novel was widely read and discussed among the general public.

1867 – Joseph Lister published the first of a series of articles in *The Lancet* on his discovery of antiseptic surgery.

1963 – Peter, Paul and Mary released their third song, the iconic single “Puff, the Magic Dragon.”

Celebrity Trivia

Henny Youngman’s classic line “Take my wife, please” was originally genuine: he had simply asked an assistant to find his wife a seat. When his request was taken as a joke (and got big laughs), he began using the line in his act.

Quote of the Day

“I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places.”

~ *Henny Youngman*

Happy Birthday!

Henny Youngman (1906–1998) was



a popular comedian and violinist famous for one-liners with interludes of violin playing. His career as a comedian began while working at a print shop, where Youngman penned and published a large number of “comedy cards” containing one-line gags that were sold at the shop. This work brought Youngman, who became known as “the king of one-liners,” to the attention of a young comedian by the name of Milton Berle. Youngman’s autobiography is entitled *Take My Life, Please!*



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Today is St. Urho's Day. St. Urho is a fictional Finnish saint created by Richard Mattson, the owner of Ketola's Department Store in Minnesota. Mattson made up the saint as a tribute to Finnish Americans and to compete with St. Patrick.

Think-tionary

usufruct

- A. The right to use or profit from another's property as long as it is not altered or damaged
or
- B. The extraction of fruit sugars to create healthy alternatives to cane sugar

ANSWER: A. When I purchased my home, I was unaware that I could harvest and sell the apples of the nearby orchard by usufruct.

Who Am I?

Legends tell of how I performed many miracles during my youth, including healing and feeding the poor and turning water into beer. I founded monasteries and inspired many to devote their lives to God. I founded a school of art, and it was my scriptorium that made the *Book of Kildare*, an illuminated Gospel. I remain one of Ireland's patron saints. Who am I?

ANSWER: Brigid of Kildare

Only Human

The human heart beats an average of 70 to 85 times per minute. The male



heart rate is 70 to 72 bmp, while the female rate is between 78 and 82 beats.

Why are women's heart rates higher than men's? It all has to do with heart size. Women typically have smaller hearts than men. A smaller heart pumps less blood with each beat and so needs to beat more times per minute to carry blood through the human body. The heart is a muscle, and like any muscle, it strengthens with training. Exercise often lowers the heart rate of both men and women.

Buy a Vowel

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One who performs for the amusement of others

ANSWER: ENTERTAINER