



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

On This Date

1743 – It was the first London performance of Handel’s *Messiah*, and King George II was in the audience. In the middle of the “Hallelujah” chorus, the king rose to his feet in appreciation of the great piece. Out of respect for the king, the entire audience followed suit, and so began the custom of standing during the singing of the “Hallelujah” chorus.

1752 – John Bushell published the first issue of the *Halifax Gazette*, Canada’s first regular newspaper, which took no government funds.

1857 – Elisha Otis installed the first modern passenger elevator, featuring a safety brake, in a Manhattan department store.

Did You Know?

Before Fannie Farmer’s cookbooks were published, recipes did not use standard measurements. Instead, authors gave directions such as “add a thimble of salt” or “use an egg-sized piece of butter.”

Quote of the Day

“I certainly feel that the time is not far distant when a knowledge of the principles of diet will be an essential part of one’s education.”

~ Fannie Farmer

Happy Birthday!

Fannie Farmer (1857–1915) was a renowned chef. She suffered a stroke in high school, leaving her homebound for years. Farmer took up cooking to keep busy and at age 30 enrolled in the Boston School of Cooking. She eventually became the school’s principal. Farmer emphasized the role of science in cooking, including nutrition and sanitation. Her *Boston Cooking-School Cookbook* was a surprise hit and is still in print. The tome is usually referred to simply as the *Fannie Farmer Cookbook*.





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Today is Near Miss Day. On this day in 1989, a massive asteroid known as 4581 Asclepius nearly missed hitting Earth by 425,000 miles. That may sound like a great distance, but it is a hair’s breadth in the scale of the universe. A collision would have released the energy of a 600-megaton atomic bomb.

Where Am I?

I emerge from the jungle and see it: a crystal-clear saltwater river springing magically out of the ground and flowing lazily to the ocean. The waters have long been thought miraculous. They are free of silt, mud, or dirt of any kind. Some think the water emerges from an underground cave. Others prefer to believe that the water is the handiwork of fairies. Swimming is allowed, but not in the main pool, which was protected in 2017. Where am I?

ANSWER: Enchanted River, Himantuan, Philippines

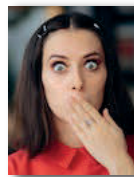
Whatchamacallit?
What do you call a group of vultures?

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ANSWER: VENUE

Only Human

Charles Osborne had the hiccups from 1922 until June 5, 1990. He hiccupped for 68 years! His epic bout of hiccups began while working on an Iowa farm. He was preparing a 350-pound hog for slaughter when he fell. He felt fine, but the hiccups began. A doctor later told him that as a result of the fall he had “busted a blood vessel the size of a pin” in his brain. From that moment on, Osborne hiccupped an estimated 40 times per minute. He tried every remedy he could find and visited doctors for a cure but found no relief until one year before he died, when his hiccups mysteriously stopped.



Riddle Me This

What needs an answer but doesn’t ask a question?

ANSWER: A telephone