



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

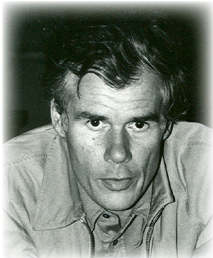
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021

On This Date

1869 – In a remote corner of Utah, the final spike was driven in to connect the first U.S. transcontinental rail line.

1940 – Winston Churchill became the British prime minister. On the same day, Hitler invaded Belgium and the Netherlands. Three days later, Churchill inspired his country with his speech: “Victory! Victory at all costs!”

1969 – Canadian composer Galt McDermott had two songs from the musical *Hair* reach the top of the *Billboard* hit list: “Aquarius/ Let the Sun Shine In” and “Hair.”



Did You Know?

The largest amount of money in coins you can have without having change for a dollar is \$1.19. (You cannot divide 3 quarters, 4 dimes, and 4 pennies into a dollar.)



Quote of the Day

“Do it big, do it right,
and do it with style.”

~ *Fred Astaire*

Happy Birthday!

Fred Astaire (1899–1987) was a phenomenal, hugely influential American dancer, actor, and singer who grew up in Omaha, Nebraska. Astaire, who had a remarkable sense of rhythm, is an icon of the classic Hollywood musical film. He is considered one of the greatest dancers in the history of film and worked in entertainment for 76 years. Known as an exacting perfectionist as well as an inspired innovator, he was a frequent dance partner of Ginger Rogers. Some of his most successful films include *Shall We Dance*, *Top Hat*, *Swing Time*, *Holiday Inn*, *Funny Face*, and *Silk Stockings*. He also acted on TV and in non-musical films.





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On this day in 1869, the “Golden Spike” was struck at Promontory Summit, Utah, completing the First Transcontinental Railroad. The 17.6-karat spike was supposed to be driven on May 8, but bad weather delayed the ceremony.

Eye in the Sky

If you’ve ever wanted to own a piece of the cosmos, Christie’s auction house was offering a golden opportunity last February. Christie’s auctioned off a wide variety of space rocks that had landed on Earth as meteorites. Some were part of the moon; others came from Mars or asteroids from the depths of space. The most affordable pieces were a few hundred dollars. Others, such as a four-pound slab of meteorite found in Mali, went for hundreds of thousands. Some of the pieces were ground into gem-studded crystal balls. Others retained fiery scars.

Word Scramble

R A N P T E R

A companion or ally in a venture or relationship

ANSWER: PARTNER

Think-tionary

pyknic

A. To have a romantic or naive outlook of the world

or

B. Tending to be short, stocky, broad, and powerful

ANSWER: B. I am proud to resemble my pyknic ancestors.

Toys of Yesteryear

Shut-the-Box was played for 200 years by the French fisherman of Normandy before becoming popular in southern England. The “Box” is a tray showing the numbers 1–9. Dice are rolled in the tray, and each time a number is rolled, that number is covered up. A player’s turn ends when the numbers rolled on the dice can no longer cover any numbers in the tray. The remaining numbers are tallied to give you a score.

