



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

On This Date

1878 – Gilbert and Sullivan’s comic opera *HMS Pinafore* opened in London. The title comically applies the name of a women’s garment to the fearsome symbol of a warship.

1953 – At the Nevada Test Site, the United States conducted its first and only nuclear artillery test using an M65 Atomic Cannon, nicknamed Atomic Annie.

1977 – The Chinese communist government lifted its decade-old ban on the writings of William Shakespeare.

1977 – *Star Wars*, directed by George Lucas, was released. The film depicts a struggle between good and evil taking place “a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.”

Daily Trivia

A cluster of bananas is known as a hand, and the bananas in the hand are called fingers. The word *banana* originates from the Arabic word *banan*, which means “finger.”



Quote of the Day

“When I’m writing, I think about the garden, and when I’m in the garden I think about writing. I do a lot of writing by putting something in the ground.”

~ *Jamaica Kincaid*

Happy Birthday!

Jamaica Kincaid, born in 1949, is an esteemed Antiguan American writer and a professor of African and African American studies at Harvard



University. Kincaid, who was born with the name Elaine Potter Richardson, was a staff writer at *The New Yorker* for two decades. She is

the author of nonfiction writing, short stories, essays, and novels, including *A Small Place*, *My Garden Box*, *The Autobiography of My Mother*, and *See Now Then*.



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Today is Tap Dance Day, commemorating the birthday of famed tap dancer Bill “Bojangles” Robinson. Tap dance developed from a mixture of the Irish jig, African American Juba dance, and English clog dancing.

Garden Party

The Garden of Bomarzo in Italy is also known as the Park of the Monsters. It was not created to be beautiful, but to astonish its visitors. Monstrous, grotesque sculptures are integrated into the landscape. One of Hannibal’s war elephants tramples a Roman soldier. A dragon is attacked by lions. A gaping “hell mouth” opens into a chamber that amplifies sound so that any words spoken inside can be heard clearly outside. By the 20th century, the garden had fallen into disrepair. Surrealist painter Salvador Dalí made a movie about the park, rescuing it from neglect.

Buy a Vowel

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One who reviews financial records

ANSWER: AUDITOR

You Are What You Eat

Any self-respecting North Dakotan knows where to find a good, hearty bowl of knoephla (sometimes also



spelled *knepfla* or the German *knöpfle*).

The heart of this soup is the knoephla itself, the little German dumpling whose name translates to “little button.” The dumplings are the star of the soup but hardly the only ingredient. The mix is chicken stock-based, with cream, potatoes, carrots, onion, and celery. You can find the soup along North Dakota’s Knoephla Trail, which crawls from West Fargo to Bismarck and Dickinson.

High Five

Can you name the five longest-running shows on Broadway?

ANSWER: 1. *Phantom of the Opera* (13, 358); 2. *Chicago* (9, 682); 3. *The Lion King* (9, 291); 4. *Cats* (7, 485); 5. *Wicked* (6, 825)