



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021

## On This Date

**1907** – The Ziegfeld Follies debuted on a roof theater above the New York Theater. The revues, featuring such stars as Fanny Brice, W. C. Fields, and Will Rogers, were produced annually until 1931.

**1928** – Sliced bread was first sold to the public. The Chillicothe Baking Company marketed it as “the greatest forward step in the baking industry since bread was wrapped.” This led to the popular phrase “the greatest thing since sliced bread.” People ate more slices of bread at a time and ate bread more frequently because of the convenience of pre-sliced loaves.

**1969** – The House of Commons passed the Official Languages Act, declaring French and English the official languages of Canada.

## Beatles Trivia

The legendary rock group had the names the Quarrymen and the Silver Beetles before settling on The Beatles.

## Quote of the Day

“Color! What a deep and mysterious language, the language of dreams.”

~ *Paul Gauguin*

## Happy Birthday!

**Paul Gauguin** (1848–1903) was a remarkable French artist whose fame came after death. He is renowned for his faux-primitive style and bold use of color. Gauguin began painting while working as a stockbroker but soon left his family in Denmark to pursue an art career in Paris. He traveled to Panama and the Caribbean island of Martinique, where he was influenced by the “exotic” local culture and people.



The post-impressionist icon became an inspiration to a generation of younger artists, including Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, and Vincent van Gogh.



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**Today is** Global Forgiveness Day, a day to appreciate the power of forgiveness. Forgiveness means giving up past suffering and moving ahead free from pain. It is a day not just to pardon the wrongs of others but also to forgive yourself.

## Silver Memories

On this day 25 years ago, Nelson Mandela announced that at the end of his term he would step down as president of South Africa. He had been voted in as South Africa's first democratically elected president in 1994, and under South Africa's Constitution, he was eligible to run for a second term in 1999. Instead, in a televised broadcast, Mandela announced he had no intention of running again. He had spent his life fighting for democracy and freedom in South Africa and at age 75 was the country's oldest leader.

### Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

ottoman                  divan  
sofa                        settee

*ANSWER: An ottoman is a footstool; the others are types of couches.*

## Only Human

Scientists do not really know why some people are born left-handed.



Even identical twins sometimes have different handedness. The idea that right-handed people are "left-brained" while

lefties are "right-brained" is a persistent myth. We all tend to use our brains in the same capacities. However, lefties do have the upper hand when it comes to sports like baseball or tennis. Righties just aren't used to competing against lefties, and it often takes some time to learn how to play against them.

### Riddle Me This

What number do you get when you multiply all the numbers on a telephone's number pad?

*ANSWER: Zero, because any number multiplied by zero is zero.*