



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

It's Christmas Eve!



On This Date

1818 – The Christmas carol “Silent Night,” composed by Franz Xaver Gruber, was first sung at St. Nicholas parish in Oberndorf, Austria.

1901 – The American postmaster general issued an order allowing private companies to use the words *Post Card* rather than *Private Mailing Card* on their postcards.

1936 – Radiation was used to treat disease for the first time when John Lawrence used a radioactive isotope of phosphorus-32 to treat one of his leukemia patients.

Here We Come A-Caroling

Which of these songs is considered the world’s oldest Christmas carol?

- A. “Jesus Refulsit Omnium”
- B. “Good King Wenceslas”
- C. “The Friendly Beasts”
- D. “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ANSWER: A. “Jesus Refulsit Omnium” was written in the fourth century by St. Hilary of Poitiers.

Humor of the Day

“’Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.”

~ *Clement Clarke Moore*

Happy Birthday!

Diane Tell, born in 1959, is one of Québec’s pioneering female singer-songwriters. The accomplished musician started writing songs at the age of 12 and has toured, written, composed, and recorded in Canada, France, the UK, and Switzerland. She wrote the score for and played the leading role in the musical *Marilyn Montreuil*, which was performed more than 300 times in Europe. Tell has released over 20 albums, from 1977’s *Diane Tell* to 2019’s *Haiku*. She has a strong social media presence, including her blog, *Diane Cause Musique*, which helps new musicians get started.

