



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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## 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



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