



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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**Today is Poetry Day.** The oldest known poem, the *Epic of Gilgamesh* from Babylon, is 4,000 years old. It tells the mythological tale of how King Gilgamesh—part man, part god—becomes the greatest king in all the world.

## Picture of the Day



*No one had the nerve to tell Mr. Ed that he wasn't a real unicorn.*

Now it's your turn to come up with a funny caption.

## Word to the Wise

Not only has the new phrase *goblin mode* entered the dictionary, but it was Oxford's 2022 Word of the Year. It means "behavior that is unapologetically lazy, self-indulgent, slovenly, or greedy."

## Root of the Matter

*Thank your lucky stars*

If you *thank your lucky stars*, you are expressing gratitude for your good fortune. This phrase comes from the era when people believed that the stars, planets, and zodiacal constellations in the heavens influenced outcomes, events, and behaviors down on Earth. One of the earliest uses of the phrase dates to 1597: "In respect of this happy meeting, I bless my fortunate stars..." Thanking or cursing the stars has been a practice ever since.

## Word Scramble

T B O A B

A man who is the head of an abbey of monks

ANSWER: ABBOT