



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021

On This Date

1884 – The first roller coaster in the U.S. began operation at Coney Island.

1909 – Glenn Curtiss sold his first airplane for \$5,000 to the New York Aeronautical Society. The biplane was called the *Gold Bug* but later was known as the *Golden Flyer*.

1967 – The Monterey Pop Festival was held, featuring the Jimi Hendrix Experience, the Who, Janis Joplin, and the Grateful Dead, beginning “The Summer of Love.”

1981 – Ken Taylor, Canada’s former ambassador to Iran, was awarded the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal for helping six Americans escape from Iran during the hostage crisis.

Daily Trivia

Which insect has transparent wings covered in tiny scales, uses their feet to taste, drinks from a straw-like proboscis, and lives for a period of only a few short weeks?

Answer: The butterfly

Quote of the Day

“Joy is not in things;
it is in us.”

~ *Richard Wagner*

Happy Birthday!

Helen Traubel (1899–1972) was an American opera singer from St. Louis, Missouri. Known for her powerful, dramatic soprano roles in German composer Richard Wagner’s operas, she made her debut in 1923 with the



St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Traubel continued as a concert singer until her opera career began in 1937. She sang for the Chicago City Opera, the Metropolitan Opera, and the San Francisco Opera, among other companies. She performed on Broadway, radio, and television. In 1959, her autobiography, *St. Louis Woman*, was published. She also wrote two murder mysteries.



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On this day in 1858, Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous “House Divided” speech. Lincoln may be famous for the speech today, but at the time many believed it to be too radical, contributing to his loss in the Senate race.

Think-tionary

ultracrepidarian

A. An organism that can survive in extreme environments

or

B. Someone who offers advice or opinions on subjects outside their expertise or knowledge

ANSWER: B. My father seems wise, but he is really an ultracrepidarian.

When Was It?

It was during this year that musician Paul Simon went on tour in South Africa after the country’s cultural boycott was lifted. American President George H. W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin declared an official end to the Cold War. AT&T launched the first video phone, and Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced that they were separating. When was it?

ANSWER: 1992

Wild Kingdom

The kitefin shark lives in the “twilight zone” of the waters off New Zealand, the maximum depth touched by sunlight. With no place to hide, these sharks have evolved a unique camouflage: bioluminescence. The skin on the underbellies of the sharks has thousands of light-producing cells known as *photophores*. The glowing underbellies help the sharks blend in with the faint light shining from above so that predators swimming up from below will not be able to see them. These sharks are the largest bioluminescent vertebrates on Earth.



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Overly theatrical and melodramatic

ANSWER: HISTORIC