Monday, December 5, 2022

## On This Date

771 – After ruling the Frankish empire with his brother Carloman for several years, Charlemagne became the sole king of the Franks after his brother's sudden death.

1717 – Henry Bostock, captain of the *Margaret*, was taken captive by the pirate Blackbeard and later



released. Bostock's account provided the first record of the notorious pirate and his name "Blackbeard."

1952 – The Great Smog appeared in London. High-pressure weather conditions caused pollution to amass over the city, creating a lethal smog that killed thousands.

## Did You Know?

What was the real name of the notorious pirate Blackbeard?

- A. Henry Morgan
- B. Sir Francis Drake
- C. Edward Teach
- D. Jack Rackham

ANSWER: C. Edward Teach

## **Quote of the Day**

"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, dreams are forever."

~ Walt Disney

## Happy Birthday!

Walter Elias Disney (1901–1966) was a visionary American animator, film producer, and the man behind the Walt Disney Company, the



beloved Disney amusement parks, and dozens of iconic cartoon characters like Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. The businessman

amassed an immense fortune that, adjusted for inflation, is valued at around one billion dollars. He also won 26 Academy Awards—the most wins in Oscar history. Some of his most acclaimed films include 1937's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, 1940's *Pinocchio*, and 1964's *Mary Poppins*.