



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

On This Date

1899 – Irish American Humphrey O’Sullivan patented his invention of rubber heels for shoes, which lasted longer than the traditional leather heels in use.

1908 – Lieutenant-General Robert Baden-Powell published *Scouting for Boys*, a manual of tracking, woodcraft skills, camping, and self-discipline. The book inspired a worldwide Scouting movement.



1978 – A Soviet satellite crashed in the Northwest Territories (now Nunavut), spreading a large amount of radioactive debris in the Canadian Arctic.

Did You Know?

Prospectors were known as “49ers” thanks to the Gold Rush of 1849.



Quote of the Day

“A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens.”

~ Robert Baden-Powell

Happy Birthday!

Neil Diamond, born in 1941, started his career in music as a songwriter for the Sunbeam Music Company. He soon moved on to New York City’s Brill Building, a hothouse for famous songwriters such as Burt Bacharach, Bobby Darin, and Carol King. In 1965, Diamond signed his first recording contract, and in 1966 he wrote his first smash hit, “I’m a Believer,” made famous by the Monkees. Diamond earned fame and honors for his own hits, notably “Sweet Caroline,” “Cracklin’ Rosie,” and “You Don’t Bring Me Flowers.”





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Today is Paul Pitcher Day. This traditional Cornish holiday, set on the feast day of St. Paul, rang in a new season of sailing and mining in Cornwall. A stoneware pitcher was set up in the middle of town for people to break by throwing stones.

Wild Kingdom

A smoothhound shark at an aquarium on the island of Sardinia in Italy performed a miracle that many Catholic Italians are familiar with: a virgin birth. The shark had lived in the shark tank with one other female shark for 10 years. Suddenly, with no father in sight, she gave birth. Scientists explain this was not a holy miracle, but the result of a rare biological process known as *parthenogenesis*, where females in extreme environments self-fertilize their eggs. 80 species of shark, fish, and reptile have demonstrated this ability.

Word Scramble

L R E I B T S

The short, stiff hair of a
mammal or plant

ANSWER: BRISTLE

Golden Memories

On this day 50 years ago, two fishermen found Shoichi Yokoi, a sergeant of the Imperial Japanese Army, in the jungles on the island of Guam. Yokoi had been hiding in a small cave for nearly 28 years, ever since American forces took control of the island in 1944 during the Battle of Guam in World War II. Yokoi went into hiding with nine other soldiers. After seven of them moved on and two others died, he remained alone, hunting for food at night and making clothes and bedding from native plants. He knew that World War II had ended but feared he would face disgrace for his actions.



Punny Business

My dog does magic tricks.
He's a labracadabrador.