



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

On This Date

1923 – Archaeologist Howard Carter opened the sealed sepulchral chamber of King Tutankhamen’s tomb in Thebes, Egypt, where he found the famous mummy.



1940 – The RCAF’s No. 110 Army Cooperation Squadron sailed for Britain. The unit was the first of 48 squadrons to go overseas.

1949 – The House of Commons passed the Newfoundland Union Act by a vote of 140–47. Newfoundland officially joined Canada on March 31, 1949.

1971 – Pierre Trudeau, under opposition attack in the Commons, uttered an apparently inappropriate expression that he later described as “fuddle duddle.”

Animal Trivia

Humans have as many hairs per square inch on their bodies as chimpanzees. You don’t see all of them because most are too fine and light to be noticed.

Quote of the Day

“I have come to the personal conclusion that while all artists are not chess players, all chess players are artists.”

~ *Marcel Duchamp*

Happy Birthday!

Vera Menchik (1906–1944) was the first women’s chess world champion, a title she held from 1927 until 1944, when she, her sister, and her mother were all killed in a V-1 bombing attack on their South London home. The chess master, who grew up in Moscow, first learned to play at age nine. Menchik excelled at the game in her youth, but her prowess really took off under the tutelage of the Hastings Chess Club, which she joined after moving to England in 1921. By 1925, she was the best female player in the country and bested many top male chess champions as well.





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Today is the day of the Pancake Races in England. Pancake races are a Shrove Tuesday tradition, a time for indulgence before Lent. Wearing chef's hats and aprons, racers run laps while flipping pancakes in a frying pan.

Think-tionary

eccedentesiast

A. Someone who is constantly distracted and cannot participate in the present

or

B. Someone who hides their real feelings behind a fake smile

ANSWER: B. I had been an eccedentesiast for so long I no longer knew why I was sad.

When Was It?

It was during this year that the miniseries *Roots* premiered on ABC. Sugar Ray Leonard made his professional boxing debut. The space shuttle took its first flight atop a Boeing 747. The planet Uranus was discovered to have rings. The first *Star Wars* movie was released, and Space Mountain opened at Disneyland. When was it?



ANSWER: 1977

50 Years Ago Today

On this day 50 years ago, President Richard Nixon's secret taping system made its first recording. On that morning Nixon declared, "I will not be transcribed." He could not have known that less than three years later his secret taping system would be exposed during a Senate investigation on Capitol Hill and he would forever be linked to the bugging of the Democratic National Committee's offices at Watergate. Nixon was not the first to implement secret recordings. He was the sixth president in a row to do so. But Nixon's secret taping contributed to his political downfall, ending the practice.

Buy a Vowel

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Careful to avoid danger

ANSWER: CAUTIOUS