



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021

On This Date

1778 – James Cook became the first known European to discover the Hawaiian Islands, which he named the Sandwich Islands after the fourth Earl of Sandwich, his patron.

1911 – The first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place when Lieutenant Eugene Ely safely landed his 50-horsepower Curtiss



pusher biplane on an 80-foot wooden platform attached to the deck of the U.S.S. *Pennsylvania* in San Francisco Harbor.

2009 – This was the final day of a weeklong auction during which auto giant General Motors sold off about 200 historic cars from its Heritage Collection. At the time, General Motors was facing enormous financial difficulties.

Daily Trivia

The company Google took its name from the word *googol*, which is a math term for 10 to the 100th power (or 1 followed by 100 zeros).

Humor of the Day

“Everyone wants to be Cary Grant. Even I want to be Cary Grant.”

~ *Cary Grant*

Happy Birthday!

Cary Grant (1904–1986) was an English American actor and iconic Hollywood leading man. He was known for his debonair charm, impeccable style, good looks, and spot-on comic timing. Grant began



performing with an acrobat troupe at a young age, and he eventually moved to New York City after performing there on tour. Some of his best-known films include *Bringing Up Baby*, *His Girl Friday*, and *North by Northwest*. Grant never won an Oscar for any of his roles, but he did win an Honorary Oscar in 1970. He was married five times and had one daughter.



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Today is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, commemorating America’s transformative civil rights leader. King was born with the name Michael. His father, a pastor, renamed both himself and his son after the leader of the Protestant Reformation.

Centennial Memories

On this day 100 years ago, the infamous Chicago gangster (and favorite associate of Al Capone) Frank Rio pulled off the daylight robbery of a mail train in Chicago’s Union Station, making off with \$462,000 worth of bonds and cash. Rio was indicted for the robbery, but thanks to the bribing of judges and intimidation of witnesses, he went free. Rio’s propensity to escape conviction for this robbery and many other crimes earned him the nickname “Slippery Frank.” Rio would become even more infamous for his suspected role in the St. Valentine’s Day massacre.

Buy a Vowel

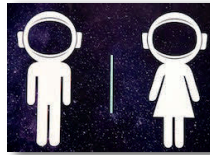
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Having a huge appetite

ANSWER: VORACIOUS

Eye in the Sky

The International Space Station recently received a brand new \$23 million space toilet, known as the Universal Waste Management System. NASA spent six years developing the design. It is 65% smaller, 40% lighter, and more energy efficient than the commode currently in use. More importantly, while toilets previously were designed for male astronauts, this one was built to accommodate women, keeping in mind NASA’s Artemis mission to land the first woman on the moon in 2024.



Who Said So?

This writer, a winner of the Pulitzer and Nobel Prizes, said, “When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice.”

ANSWER: Saul Bellow