



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021

On This Date

1771 – Spain turned over the Falkland Islands to Britain. The islands are located 300 miles from the coast of Argentina. The inhabitants of the islands, who are of mainly Scottish descent, are British citizens and support British sovereignty.

1952 – The first jet airliner, the British de Havilland Comet, flew its first test flight.



1968 – *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*, the NBC comedy, premiered. The show was No. 1 in the ratings for the 1968–69 and 1969–70 seasons. Cast members Lily Tomlin and Goldie Hawn later became noted film stars.

Daily Trivia

It is believed that Abdul Kassam Ismael, Grand Vizier of Persia in the 10th century, carried his library with him wherever he went. 400 camels trained to walk in alphabetical order carried the 117,000 volumes.

Quote of the Day

“I was born by the river, in a little tent. Oh, and just like the river, I been running ever since.”

~ *Sam Cooke*

Happy Birthday!

Sam Cooke (1931–1964) was a legendary, charismatic American singer, songwriter, and civil rights activist who died tragically young. Known as “The King of Soul” for his captivating, soulful voice and powerful, hopeful lyrics, Cooke began singing as a child in a variety of gospel groups, including the Highway Q.C.’s and



Soul Stirrers. In the 1950s, he began recording secular pop/soul music, ultimately racking up more than 30 top 40 singles. Some of his most iconic songs include “You Send Me,” “A Change Is Gonna Come,” “Cupid,” “Wonderful World,” and “Bring It on Home to Me.”



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Today is Answer Your Cat’s Questions Day. Anthrozoologist Dr. John Bradshaw believes that cats view humans as large, useless cats. Change their minds by giving them vertical spaces to explore and plenty of things to scratch.

Think-tionary

talaria

- A. A type of clock that measures the passage of time by recording changes in barometric pressure
or
- B. Winged sandals, often associated with the Greek god Hermes

ANSWER: B. It is said that the talaria were forged of pure gold by Hephaestus.

When Was It?

It was during this year that Aretha Franklin became the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The last wild California condor was captured for captive breeding. “Baby Jessica” McClure was rescued after falling down a 22-foot-deep well in Texas, and Canada introduced its one-dollar coin, known as the “loonie.” When was it?



ANSWER: 1987

Root of the Matter

Hit the sack

When it is time to *hit the sack*, then it is time to go to bed for the night. This expression originated in America in the late 1800s, when mattresses were little more than sacks filled with hay. For this reason, the similar phrase *hit the hay* also came into use. But why *hit* either the sack or the hay? It was common practice before going to sleep to “fluff” the mattress by punching or hitting it. Some linguists say that before 1880, the phrase *hit the hay* meant specifically to sleep in a barn.

Buy a Vowel

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Excessively eager
and enthusiastic

ANSWER: OVERZEALOUS