



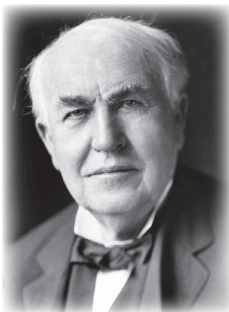
THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

On This Date

1847 – Samuel Colt sold 1,000 six-shot revolver pistols to the Texas Rangers. It was his first large sale and allowed him to expand his business. Before long, he was one of the richest men in America.

1903 – Thomas Edison, a backer of direct current (DC), sought to demonstrate the dangers of alternating current (AC) by electrocuting Topsy, a circus elephant. The elephant had killed an abusive trainer. The execution was filmed and viewed by audiences across the country.



2010 – At 2,722 feet, Burj Khalifa became the tallest skyscraper in the world. It is located in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Did You Know?

In 1894, Dr. John Kellogg, the superintendent of the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Michigan, accidentally invented corn flakes.

Quote of the Day

“I grew really fast. It’s true I went from 5’6” to 6’1” in six months in eighth grade.”

~ *Dot-Marie Jones*

Happy Birthday!

Dot-Marie Jones, born in 1964, is a 15-time arm wrestling world champion. The stellar strength, softball, and track athlete set records in the shot put at her alma mater, California State University, Fresno, and won her first arm wrestling championship



at age 19. Jones is also an accomplished actress who starred in *Glee*, the popular Fox musical sitcom, as Coach Beiste, a role that earned her many award nominations, including Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series three years running, from 2011 to 2013. Jones also received accolades for her work on the teen shows *Lizzie McGuire* and *Material Girls*.



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Today is Hansel Day. The first Monday was celebrated as Hansel Monday in Scotland, a day when *hansels*, or small tips or gifts of money, were traditionally given. The word *hansel* derives from a word meaning “to deliver into the hand.”

Wild Kingdom

Last October, the “queen of the ocean” was found in the waters off the coast of Nova Scotia, Canada. An OCEARCH research team studying the marine life of sharks, seals, and dolphins found a 50-year-old female great white shark that is more than 17 feet long and weighs a whopping 3,541 pounds. The scientists named her *Nukumi*, after a legendary wise old grandmother figure of the local Mi’kmaq people. Oceanographers were blown away by the shark’s massive size and are enthusiastic about all the wisdom she will share in the years to come.

Whatchamacallit?

What do you call a group of... buffalo?

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| band | drove |
| bevy | gang |

ANSWER: GANG

Think-tionary

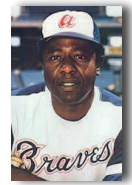
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- A. Easily broken into small pieces
or
- B. Able to be inflated or enlarged with air

ANSWER: A. Children should not be allowed to play with such fragile toys.

When Was It?

It was during this year that the first mass inoculation against polio was conducted. RCA built the earliest color television set. Hank Aaron debuted with the Milwaukee Braves. Bell Labs created a solar-powered battery made from silicon. Roger Bannister became the first person to run a sub-four-minute mile, and the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that “separate but equal” schools were unconstitutional. When was it?



ANSWER: 1954