



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

On This Date

1815 – Réne-Robert Cavalier, sieur de La Salle reached Niagara Falls using a portage route established by the Iroquois to bypass the rapids.

1869 – The first suspension bridge over the Niagara Gorge at Niagara Falls was opened to traffic.

1889 – Inventor Herman Hollerith patented the electric counting machine, which used punch cards to encode data.

1951 – Eighteen nesting pairs of Bermuda petrels, a bird thought to be extinct, were discovered in Bermuda.

2004 – The RMS *Queen Mary 2*, the largest ocean liner ever built up to that time, was christened by Queen Elizabeth II at Southampton.

Daily Trivia



While exploring the Malay Archipelago, Alfred Wallace collected over 126,000 specimens, most of which were beetles.

Quote of the Day

“They put me on television. And the whole thing broke loose. It was wild, I tell ya for sure.”

~ *Elvis Presley*

Happy Birthday!

Elvis Presley (1935–1977) was the singer and cultural phenomenon known as “The King.” A pioneer of the rockabilly sound, Presley scored his first of many No. 1 hits with 1956’s “Heartbreak Hotel.” His



rebellious charm and provocative dance moves captivated a generation, making him the best-selling solo artist of all time.

Elvis won a Grammy

Lifetime Achievement award at the young age of 36. The singer starred in dozens of music-driven films, including *Jailhouse Rock* and *Girls, Girls, Girls!* His TV concerts *Elvis* (1968) and *Aloha From Hawaii Via Statellite* (1973) were smash hits.



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Today is Winter Skin Relief Day. Cold temperatures cause the skin to dry out. Hot showers strip skin of its essential oils. Instead, use warm water and follow up bathing with skin moisturizers. Drinking water keeps you hydrated.

Garden Party

Amorphophallus titanum, or the titan arum, is a plant that has one of the largest flowers in the world, growing up to nine feet tall. Buds do not appear every year.



In many instances, the plant must grow and die for nine years before it flowers. Just because the flower is big does not mean it smells nice. The

titan arum is one of the corpse flowers. Its massive bloom stinks of rotting flesh, attracting beetles and other pollinators for the 48 hours in which it is open. This unique flower is only found in the wild rainforests of western Sumatra, Indonesia.

Word Scramble

P E R V O P A

Officially agree or accept

ANSWER: APPROVE

Root of the Matter

The elephant in the room

If someone avoids talking about *the elephant in the room*, it means that they are deliberately avoiding an enormously difficult subject. This imagery was first used in 1814 when the poet Ivan Krylov wrote a fable about a man who visited a natural history museum and noticed the smallest details of the tiniest animals but failed to notice the elephant. The phrase evolved to mean a problem or fact so large and obvious that it could not be ignored. By the 1950s, the elephant was used as a metaphor to express a taboo or unspoken subject.

Who Said So?

This British theologian and writer of fantasy said, “Miracles do not, in fact, break the laws of nature.”

ANSWER: C. S. Lewis