



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

Today is...



St. Joseph's Day, the day when the swallows traditionally return to Mission San Juan Capistrano in southern California.

## On This Date

**1931** – The Nevada state legislature voted to legalize casino gambling and “quickie” divorces.

**1954** – Willie Mosconi set a world record by running 526 consecutive balls without a miss during a straight pool exhibition.

**1954** – Air Force Lt. Col. John Stapp rode a rocket sled that subjected him to a force of 22 times that of gravity.

**1990** – The first world ice hockey tournament for women was held in Ottawa. The championship series continues to this day. Canada holds 10 world titles.

## Daily Trivia

The original Plymouth colony consisted of 102 settlers.

## Quote of the Day

“Fast is fine, but accuracy is everything.”

~ Wyatt Earp

## Happy Birthday!

**Wyatt Earp** (1848–1929) was a legendary American Old West lawman and deputy marshal in Arizona Territory. Earp famously participated in—and walked away unscathed from—the notorious gunfight at the O. K. Corral, one



of his many Wild West shoot-'em-up outlaw encounters. The lifelong gambler also had many of his own run-ins with the law, for offenses including theft, fighting, and running a brothel. A jack-of-all-trades, Earp was also a boxing referee, buffalo hunter, saloon keeper, and miner who chased his fortune in boomtowns across the American West.



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## The Games People Play

Munich, the home of Oktoberfest, is also home to the sport of *Kastenlauf*, or “crate-running.” What kind of crates, you ask? Beer crates, of course. The rules are fairly simple.



Teams of two carry a crate of beer over a route that varies in length from 3 to 8 miles long. The first team to cross the finish line after drinking all the beer in their crate is the winner. Typically, race routes lead to Munich’s famous beer festivals. The races are often held with pageantry and fanfare to mark each festival’s opening day.

## High Five

Can you name the five tallest dams in the United States?

ANSWER: 1. Oroville (California), 770 feet; 2. Hoover (Arizona/Nevada), 726 feet; 3. Dworshak (Idaho), 717 feet; 4. Glen Canyon (Arizona), 710 feet; 5. New Bullards Bar (California), 645 feet

## Mad Science

Scientists have long been working on a way to restore vision to the blind. Researchers at the Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience believe they have come one step closer to this goal. They created a brain implant loaded with electrodes that stimulate the part of the brain that processes visual information. Monkeys were able to perform several tasks using this artificial vision to see shapes, lines, dots, and letters. Scientists are hopeful that this technology will restore functional sight to those who cannot see.

## Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

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| Chinook  | Destroyer |
| Corvette | Frigate   |

ANSWER: A Chinook is a helicopter; the others are naval warships.