



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

On This Date

1603 – After 44 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth I of England died, and King James VI of Scotland ascended to the throne, uniting England and Scotland under a single British monarch.

1989 – The *Exxon Valdez* oil tanker, after hitting a reef, spilled at least 260,000 barrels of crude oil into Alaska’s Prince William Sound. The damage to the environment led to the U.S. Oil Pollution Act.

1993 – The comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 was discovered by astronomers Carolyn and Eugene M. Shoemaker and David Levy. It later broke into fragments and crashed into Jupiter in spectacular fashion in July 1994. The prominent scars from the impacts were visible for many months.

Did You Know?

According to the Otis Elevator Company, 85 percent of high-rise buildings in the world don’t have a labeled 13th floor.



Quote of the Day

“Fire has always been and, seemingly, will always remain, the most terrible of the elements.”

~ *Harry Houdini*

Happy Birthday!

Harry Houdini (1874–1926), born Erik Weisz, was a famed Hungarian



American escape artist who thrilled audiences from the turn of the 20th century until his death. He began his magic career as a teen vaudeville performer, where he met his future wife, fellow magician Wilhelmina “Bess” Rahner. She joined his act as his stage assistant. Houdini’s sensational stunts included working his way out of outlandishly dangerous situations, including being buried alive, trapped under water, and locked up in chains, straightjackets, and handcuffs. He became known as “the Handcuff King.” He died at age 52 from complications with appendicitis.



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On this day in 1958, Elvis Presley was drafted into the army. Elvis received his draft notice at the peak of his career. While fans lobbied for Elvis to be spared from service, the King was proud to serve his country as an army private.

Eye in the Sky

Before he died in 2018, Paul Allen, billionaire tech magnate and co-founder of Microsoft, founded the aerospace company *Stratolaunch*. The company has recently begun construction of a hypersonic plane called the *Talon*, which will fly at speeds of Mach 5 and higher. That's five times faster than the speed of sound! Talon is to be the first of a new generation of hypersonic aircraft that allows faster access to space, faster travel around the globe, and faster military response. The sleek and futuristic-looking Talon will launch from the back of an airplane and land on runways.

Word Scramble

H K P I N I S

Connection by heredity or family

ANSWER: KINSHIP

Centennial Memories

On this day 100 years ago, the Women's Olympiad, the first international women's sporting event, opened in Monte Carlo. When the International Olympic Committee



(IOC) decided not to host any women's events in the 1924 Olympics, women's sporting pioneer Alice Milliat organized the all-women's sporting event in Monaco. Milliat's games were a success, and the event continued in 1922 and 1923. The IOC was furious that Milliat called her event an Olympics and so allowed more women to compete in the 1928 Olympic Games.

Who Said So?

This transcendentalist writer said, "When nature has work to be done, she creates a genius to do it."

ANSWER: Ralph Waldo Emerson