

THE DAILY CHRONICLE

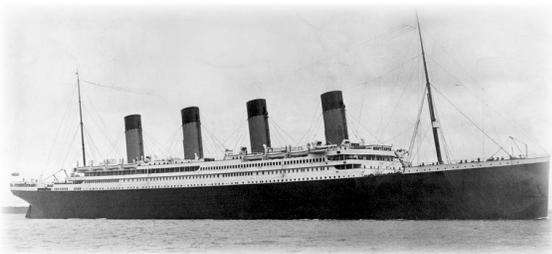
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

On This Date

1798 – The first bank robbery in the United States took place. Thieves stole \$162,821 from Carpenter’s Hall in Pennsylvania, the equivalent of over two million dollars today.

1914 – Martha, the last surviving passenger pigeon, died in captivity at the Cincinnati Zoo, marking the extinction of the species. In the early 1800s, the pigeons could be seen in huge flocks, often a mile wide and 300 miles long, containing up to a billion birds.

1985 – The wreck of the *Titanic* was seen for the first time since it sank in 1912. The expedition team was led by American Robert Ballard.



Did You Know?

If you stand in front of a honeybee’s hive, the bees will bump you before they sting you to warn you to get out of the way.

Humor of the Day

“In one respect, at least, the Martians are a happy people—they have no lawyers.”

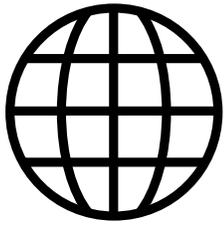
~ *Edgar Rice Burroughs*

Happy Birthday!

Edgar Rice Burroughs (1875–1950)



was a writer best known for his *Tarzan* and *John Carter* serial novels, both of which have been made into successful major motion pictures. *Tarzan* was an incredibly popular character, and Burroughs was one of the first authors to effectively commercialize a character from a book. With the success of *Tarzan*, Burroughs and his family moved to a ranch outside of Los Angeles, California, which later became the suburb of Tarzana. His ashes are buried under a tree in the town.



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

On This Date

31 BC – The forces of Mark Antony and Cleopatra were decisively defeated in the naval Battle of Actium by the Roman forces of Octavian. This marked the end of the Roman Republic and the beginning of the Roman Empire.

1666 – The Great Fire of London began. The worst fire in the city's history, the blaze destroyed most of the civic buildings, the old St. Paul's Cathedral, 87 parish churches, and about 13,000 houses.

1945 – The Japanese government formally surrendered at a ceremony aboard the battleship USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay. The concession signified the end of World War II.

Daily Trivia

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

Quote of the Day

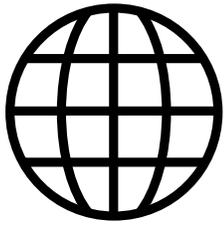
“My driving abilities from Mexico have helped me get through Hollywood.”

~ *Salma Hayek*

Happy Birthday!

Salma Hayek, born in 1966, is a Mexican American actress and filmmaker. Hayek started acting in Mexican telenovelas. In the early 1990s, she moved to Hollywood, where, within a few years, she made a name for herself in a rapid succession of hit films, such as *From Dusk Till Dawn*, *Desperado*, and *Wild Wild West*. She produced and starred in the 2002 biopic *Frida*, for which she earned a Best Actress Academy Award nomination. Her more recent projects include *Beatriz at Dinner* (2017) and *Like a Boss* (2020).





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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

On This Date

1752 – September 3 did not happen in Britain, nor did the next 10 dates. The Roman-era Julian calendar had become 11 days out of step from the solar cycle. In response, Britain and its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar, which moved September 3 up to September 14. People rioted in the streets, thinking the government had stolen 11 days of their lives.

1935 – For the first time, a vehicle reached a land speed of over 300 miles per hour. The driver was Malcolm Campbell, and the record was set at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

1976 – The unmanned U.S. spacecraft Mars *Viking 2* landed on Mars after nearly a year en route.

Daily Trivia

The VW Beetle was not mass-produced until after World War II.



Quote of the Day

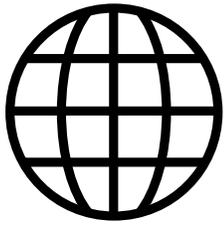
“Form follows function.”

~ *Louis Sullivan*

Happy Birthday!

Louis Sullivan (1856–1924) was an American architect who is credited with creating some of the first modern skyscrapers. His buildings, which include office buildings, banks, schools, and churches, can be found in cities across the East Coast and Midwest. Known as the “father of skyscrapers,” Sullivan was Frank Lloyd Wright’s mentor and an important inspiration of Chicago’s famous Prairie School architects. Sullivan’s sleek, crisp, modern design was unique in that he also incorporated organic or geometric ornamental details to break up the otherwise sparse style.





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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

On This Date

1682 – Astronomer Edmond Halley first observed the comet that was eventually named after him. Halley’s Comet is seen only about every 75 years, so you would be lucky to see it twice in a lifetime.

1888 – George Eastman received a patent for the first roll film camera and registered the name Kodak. Within a few years, “being Kodaked” came to mean “being photographed.”

1899 – Donald A. Smith funded the Royal Victoria College for women at McGill University. Smith, a wealthy businessman, was a strong believer in education for women.

Daily Trivia

While many believe that Hydrox cookies are an Oreo cookie knockoff, Hydrox actually came first—in 1908, four years before the Oreo.



Quote of the Day

“What we do during our working hours determines what we have; what we do in our leisure hours determines what we are.”

~ *George Eastman*

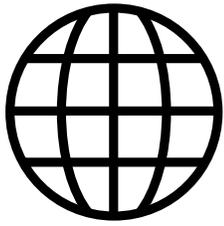
Happy Birthday!

Mitzi Gaynor, born in 1931, is an American actress who reigned as a top leading lady of Hollywood musicals in the 1950s. She trained



as a ballerina as a child and began her career as a chorus girl. Gaynor sang, acted, and danced in various films, but is best known for

her starring roles in the films *There’s No Business Like Show Business* (1954) and *South Pacific* (1958). From 2009 to 2014, she toured her acclaimed one-woman show, *Razzle Dazzle! My Life Behind the Sequins*.



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

On This Date

1877 – Crazy Horse, an Oglala Sioux chief, was killed. He was one of the Sioux leaders who helped defeat George Armstrong Custer at the Battle of Little Bighorn.



1914 – The First Battle of the Marne began. It was the first significant Allied victory of World War I, saving Paris and derailing Germany’s plan for a quick victory over France. At one point, 600 Paris taxicabs were used to drive French troops from the capital to the battlefield.

1957 – Jack Kerouac’s famous novel *On the Road* was published by Viking Press in New York. It is considered a defining work of the postwar Beat and Counterculture generations.

Did You Know?

Sweden is so efficient that only one percent of its garbage ends up going to a landfill.

Quote of the Day

“All human beings are also dream beings. Dreaming ties all mankind together.

~ Jack Kerouac

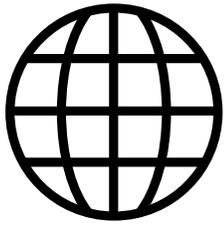
Happy Birthday!

Frank Shuster (1916–2002) was best



known as a member of the comedy duo Wayne and Shuster. The two began performing routines at their high school talent shows and

later at the University of Toronto. During World War II, they joined the Canadian Army as entertainers on the CBC Radio series *The Army Show*. The pair performed together for more than 60 years. They appeared on *The Ed Sullivan Show* over 66 times. Shuster’s two children are both entertainers.



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

On This Date

1522 – Ferdinand Magellan’s ship, the *Vittoria*, arrived in Spain, thus completing the first world circumnavigation. Natives of the Spice Islands had killed Magellan about halfway through the voyage.

1620 – The *Mayflower* departed from Plymouth, England, for the New World. They sighted present-day Cape Cod two months later.

1775 – George Washington issued his Address to the Inhabitants of Canada, asking Canadians to support the American War of Independence.

1991 – With the collapse of the Soviet Union, Leningrad, the northernmost large city in the world, changed its name back to Saint Petersburg.

Daily Trivia

Infants are born with about 300 bones, but because some fuse together as we grow, adults have only 206.



Proverb of the Day

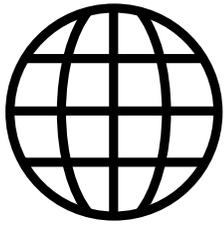
“When the axe came to the forest, the trees said: ‘The handle is one of us.’”

~ *Armenian proverb*

Happy Birthday!

Arsinée Khanjian, born in 1958, is an Armenian Canadian actress and film producer. She’s known for her work in independent films. Khanjian also regularly appears in movies made by her husband, director Atom Egoyan, such as 2005’s *Where the Truth Lies*. Some of her most prominent roles include *The Sweet Hereafter* (1997), *Felicia’s Journey* (1999), and *Ararat* (2002), for which she won a Genie Award. She remains active on the Canadian stage and television and lives in Toronto with her husband and their son, Arshile.





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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

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On This Date

1672 – Louis de Buade, the Count of Frontenac, arrived in Quebec to serve as governor general of New France.

1936 – The last known Tasmanian tiger died in captivity. However, scientists recently completed gene sequencing, raising the possibility of cloning the species in the future.



2014 – The wreckage of Sir John Franklin’s ship, HMS *Erebus*, was discovered off the coast of King William Island.

Did You Know?

The name for the country of India comes from the Indus River. The earliest civilizations in India were concentrated in the valleys around the Indus.

Quote of the Day

“When the subject is strong, simplicity is the only way to treat it.”

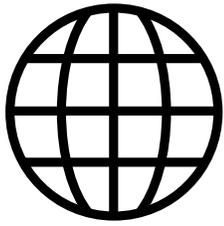
~ *Jacob Lawrence*

Happy Birthday!

Jacob Lawrence (1917–2000) was an artist, storyteller, and educator who specialized in painting scenes from the lives of African Americans. Born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Lawrence studied at the Harlem Community Art Center and eventually became a professor at the University of Washington in Seattle. Lawrence found fame with his 60-panel *The Migration Series*, which chronicled the Great Migration, the early-20th-century movement of African



Americans from the South to the cities of the North. His works are now shown in numerous prominent art museums.



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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

On This Date

1504 – Michelangelo’s masterpiece of Renaissance sculpture, *David*, was unveiled in Florence. The marble statue stands 17 feet tall, and its very large head was carved to look proportionate when viewed from below.



1664 – New York was given its name. Previously controlled by the Netherlands and known as New Amsterdam, the Dutch surrendered the settlement to an English naval squadron. It was renamed New York in honor of the Duke of York, who had organized the mission.

1977 – Twenty-year-old Toronto swimmer Cindy Nicholas became the first woman to swim the English Channel both directions nonstop.

Daily Trivia

Avocados don’t ripen on the tree, so farmers can use the trees as storage space and keep the fruit fresh for up to seven months.

Quote of the Day

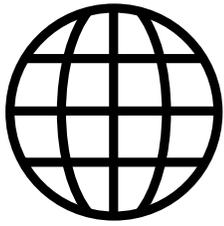
“Each and every one of us is born with a clean heart.”

~ *Ruby Bridges Hall*

Happy Birthday!

Ruby Bridges Hall, born in 1954, was the first student to desegregate a formerly all-white New Orleans school. She was just six years old on November 14, 1960, when she was escorted up the school steps by federal marshals. The moment is captured in Norman Rockwell’s iconic painting *The Problem We All Live With*. Many white parents pulled their children out of school, and all but one of the teachers refused to lead her class. Bridges Hall is now a civil rights activist and chairs the Ruby Bridges Foundation, which promotes equality and tolerance.





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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

On This Date

1919 – A hydrofoil watercraft designed by Alexander Graham Bell set a speed record of 114.04 km/hr. The vessel was powered by twin aircraft engines.

1947 – The first documented case of a computer bug was recorded when a moth lodged in a relay of a computer at Harvard University.

1954 – Marilyn Bell became the first person to swim 51.5 km across Lake Ontario. The 16-year-old Bell did it in 20 hours and 59 minutes, battling lamprey eels and oil pollution.

1979 – Lynn Johnston premiered her *For Better or For Worse* cartoon strip based on her own family in Ontario. Two years later, she had 50 million readers.



Daily Trivia

The *Star Wars* character Yoda was modeled after Albert Einstein.



Quote of the Day

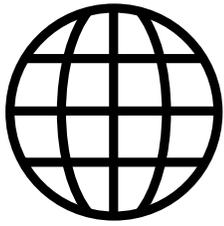
“You’ve got to concentrate on the business of entertaining and writing songs. Always think different from the next person. Don’t ever do a song as you heard somebody else do it.”

~ *Otis Redding*

Happy Birthday!

Otis Redding (1941–1967) was an American singer/songwriter known for his impact on soul music and rhythm and blues. Redding’s best-known songs are “(Sittin’ On) The Dock of the Bay” and “Try a Little Tenderness.” He married his sweetheart, Zelma, and they had three children. Tragically, the star died at 26 years old in a plane crash. Many artists, including Janis Joplin, were influenced by his work.





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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

On This Date

1919 – Austria and the Allies signed the Treaty of Saint-Germain, which recognized the independence of Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia.

1953 – Swanson introduced the TV dinner as a convenience food for busy housewives. The first dinner was a Thanksgiving meal of turkey, cornbread dressing, frozen peas, and sweet potatoes.



2008 – The Large Hadron Collider (known to non-scientists as an atom smasher) was powered up in Geneva, Switzerland. The collider is considered the largest scientific experiment in history.

Sports Trivia

The Russians showed up 12 days late to the 1908 Olympics because they were using the Julian calendar instead of the Gregorian calendar.

Quote of the Day

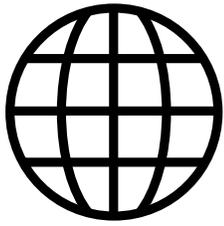
“In the U.S., with very few exceptions, actresses older than 35 are simply discarded.”

~ Amy Irving

Happy Birthday!

Amy Irving, born in 1953, is an American actress who grew up in California before moving to New York City as a teen. Irving debuted on Broadway in *The Country Wife* when she was just 13. Her big break in film came a decade later with a role in the 1976 horror film *Carrie*, closely followed by the 1978 thriller *The Fury*. Some of her most prominent movies since then include *Yentl*, *Crossing Delancey*, *Traffic*, and *Deconstructing Harry*. In 2018, she returned to horror in Steven Soderbergh's *Unsane*.





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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

On This Date

1833 – The steamship *Royal William*, built in Quebec, became one of the first ships to cross the Atlantic under steam all the way. One of the co-owners was Samuel Cunard, who founded the Cunard Steamship Company.



1974 – Canada Night in London saw Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, the Band, and Joni Mitchell play a concert in Wembley Stadium to a crowd of about 72,000.

2001 – Terrorist attacks destroyed the World Trade Towers in New York City and part of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and downed a passenger airliner in Pennsylvania.

Daily Trivia

The cubicle did not get its name from its shape, but from the Latin *cubiculum*, meaning “bed chamber.”

Humor of the Day

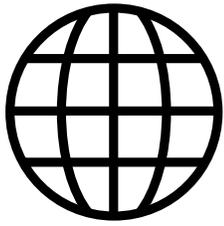
“She plucked from my lapel the invisible strand of lint (the universal act of woman to proclaim ownership).”

~ O. Henry

Happy Birthday!

Harry Connick Jr., born in 1967, is a charismatic singer and actor from New Orleans. A musical wunderkind, he was playing the keyboard at age five and recording jazz by age 10. Connick now has 10 No. 1 jazz albums, the most of any jazz artist, and has sold nearly 30 million albums worldwide. Connick has also starred in numerous films, including *Independence Day*, *Basic*, *Hope Floats*, and *Dolphin Tale*. Connick also played Grace’s husband on NBC’s *Will & Grace* (2002–2006). In real life, he is married to model Jill Goodacre.





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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

On This Date

1895 – Annie Londonderry completed the first round-the-world trip by a woman on a bicycle. The trek took her 15 months and she collected \$10,000 in prize money.

1940 – Four French teenagers followed their dog into a cavern near Lascaux, France, and discovered cave paintings made by Stone Age artists. The paintings are around 16,000 years old.



1959 – Toronto actor Lorne Greene starred as Pa Cartwright in the new television western drama *Bonanza*, along with Michael Landon, Dan Blocker, and Pernell Roberts. It was the first western TV show broadcast in color.

Daily Trivia

The black pirate flag known as the “Jolly Roger” was originally a bright red French “surrender-or-die” banner known as the *Jolie Rouge*.

Humor of the Day

“Many a man has fallen in love with a girl in a light so dim he would not have chosen a suit by it.”

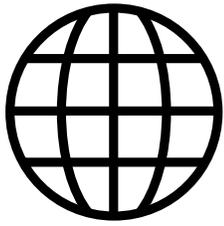
~ *Maurice Chevalier*

Happy Birthday!

Maurice Chevalier (1888–1972) was a Belgian French actor, singer, and entertainer. His trademark was a casual straw hat, which he always wore on stage with his tuxedo. Chevalier’s signature songs included “Louise,” “Mimi,” and “Valentine.” Many people remember Chevalier from the movie musical *Gigi* (1958), in which he performed the song



“Thank Heaven for Little Girls.” In 1970, he sang the title song for the classic Disney film *The Aristocats*.



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

On This Date

1935 – Howard Hughes broke the world landplane speed record of 352 mph in the Hughes H-1 Racer, a plane he designed himself.



1955 – Swiss inventor George de Mestral was granted a patent for the fastener that would eventually become known as Velcro. The idea came to him when he went for a hike with his dog and noticed that the dog returned with burrs firmly attached to its fur. It took De Mestral 10 years to perfect his hook-and-loop fasteners.

Daily Trivia

Daniel Defoe based his book *Robinson Crusoe* on the true-life story of castaway Alexander Selkirk. Defoe was inspired to write the book after meeting Selkirk at a pub and hearing his story. Selkirk had been stranded for four years, as opposed to the 28 years of the fictional character.

Quote of the Day

“We all lose our looks eventually. Better develop your character and interest in life.”

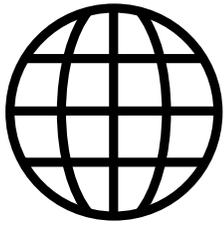
~ *Jacqueline Bisset*

Happy Birthday!

Jacqueline Bisset, born in 1944, is an English actress who now lives part-time in the 17th-century cottage



where she grew up in Berkshire. After a few small parts, Bisset found fame with her role as Miss Goodthighs in the 1967 James Bond spoof *Casino Royale*. She then went on to bigger parts, including those in *The Cape Town Affair*, *The Sweet Ride*, *Airport*, and *Murder on the Orient Express*. Bisset has performed in dozens of films and television productions, including the series *Counterpart*.



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

On This Date

1741 – George Frederick Handel completed his *Messiah* oratorio. It



took the composer just 23 days to write the timeless musical treasure, which is still very popular during the Christmas holiday season.

1905 – The oldest continuous car race was first held on the Isle of Man for the Royal Automobile Club Tourist Trophy. The race was avidly followed by the public, and car manufacturers quickly learned that sales followed racing success.

1927 – Isadora Duncan, considered by many to be the mother of modern dance, was strangled to death in Nice, France, when her trademark long scarf got caught in the rear wheel of a moving sports car.

Daily Trivia

Pure gold is non-toxic and is sometimes used as a food decoration.

Humor of the Day

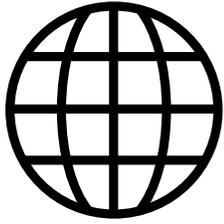
“No intelligent man wears a moustache voluntarily.”

~ Sam Neill

Happy Birthday!

Sam Neill, born in 1947, is a Northern Irish and New Zealander actor, writer, director, and winemaker. Some of Neill’s most prominent films include *Dead Calm*, *The Piano*, the *Jurassic Park* series, *The Zookeeper*, and *The Daughter*. He lives in Queenstown, New Zealand, where his winery, Two Paddocks, as well as his family farm, are located. When not managing his vineyards, he continues to take on acting roles, such as in the 2016 superhero film *Thor: Ragnarok*, as Mr. McGregor in 2018’s *Peter Rabbit*, and reprising his role of Dr. Alan Grant in the upcoming *Jurassic World 3*.





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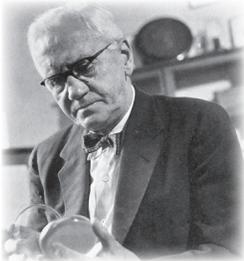
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

On This Date

1821 – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua all declared their independence from the Spanish Empire.

1835 – The HMS *Beagle* arrived in the Galapagos Islands with Charles Darwin on board. Darwin's observations on the islands were key in the development of his theory of evolution.

1928 – Scottish bacteriologist Alexander Fleming accidentally discovered penicillin. Lack of interest within the research community meant that antibiotics were not widely used in the medical field until the 1940s.



Daily Quiz

Q: What unusual animal helps guard one of the largest U.S. stockpiles of nuclear weapons?

A: Dolphins. The dolphins are specially trained to help protect the naval base that stores the weapons.

Quote of the Day

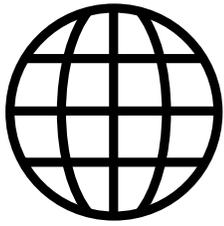
“Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything.”

~ *Tomie DePaola*

Happy Birthday!

Tomie dePaola (1934–2020) was an American children's book illustrator and author who published over 250 books. He was a graduate of the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and received a master of fine arts from the California College of Arts and Crafts. He created books about many topics, including the seasons, art, witches, holidays, and clouds. DePaola also wrote a number of religious stories including *Angels*, *Angels Everywhere* and *Miracles of Jesus*. He died in March 2020 due to complications from surgery after a fall.





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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

On This Date

1901 – French painter Paul Gauguin settled in the Marquesas Islands. He remained there until his death and painted some of his most iconic works while living there.



1939 – The first escorted ship convoy left Halifax for Britain in formation to protect against German U-Boat attacks. Canada had declared war on Germany the week before.

1974 – For the first time, an all-female troop of 32 recruits signed in at the RCMP academy in Regina. Their training ended 24 weeks later, and the women became constables.



Did You Know?

In Britain's House of Commons, two red lines separate the government and opposition sides of the House. The distance between the lines is two swords' length.

Quote of the Day

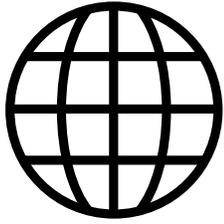
“I got a chance to ride today on a very nice bus and from my window I can see how beautiful this country is and how nice it is to be alive and that to me is like extra vitamins.”

~ *B. B. King*

Happy Birthday!

B. B. King (1925–2015), born in Mississippi, was a legendary blues singer and is considered one of the greatest blues guitarists of all time. He is probably the most recognizable name in the genre. Early in his career, he worked as a disc jockey in Memphis, where he gained the nickname “Beale Street Blues Boy,” later shortened to “B. B.” King’s favorite singer was Frank Sinatra.





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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

On This Date

1916 – Red Baron, the World War I flying ace, won his first aerial combat in Cambrai, France. He went on to have more than 80 air combat wins during the war.

1972 – The Cartier-Brébeuf National Historic Park, located on the North shore of the Saint-Charles River, in the heart of Québec City, was opened to the public. The site commemorates where Jacques Cartier and his shipmates wintered in 1535–36.

1976 – NASA unveiled its first space shuttle, the *Enterprise*. It was not built for space flight and was used only for testing purposes. Regular flights



of the space shuttle began in 1981 with the launching of *Columbia*.

Enterprise is now on display at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City.

Daily Trivia

Spiders recycle their webs by eating them.

Quote of the Day

“Slowing down reminds you that the journey is supposed to be fun.”

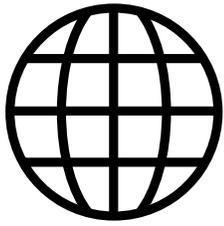
~ Anne Bancroft

Happy Birthday!

Anne Bancroft (1931–2005) was the actress, director, screenwriter, and singer who won an Academy Award for her role as Helen Keller’s teacher, Annie Sullivan, in *The Miracle Worker* (1962). However, she was best known (to her dismay) as Mrs. Robinson in *The Graduate* (1967). She was married to director and producer Mel Brooks from 1964



until her death in 2005. They first met in 1961 at a rehearsal for Perry Como’s variety show. The couple had one son, Max, who is a successful writer and actor.



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

On This Date

1793 – George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol Building. The construction took more than a century to complete.

1812 – The Great Fire of Moscow finally burned out after five days.



Russian soldiers set the blaze to keep the city from falling to Napoleon's army.

1954 – A Gallup poll reported that a Canadian family of four could live comfortably on \$50 a week. Half of this amount was for food.

1970 – Legendary rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix died of a drug overdose in London. The flamboyant 28-year-old musician is widely regarded as one of the most influential electric guitarists ever.

Did You Know?

Greta Garbo was once designated the most beautiful woman who ever lived by the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

Quote of the Day

“I wish I were supernaturally strong so I could put right everything that is wrong.”

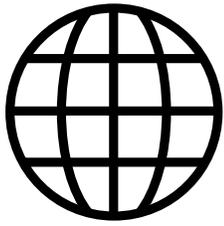
~ Greta Garbo

Happy Birthday!

Greta Garbo (1905–1990) was a Swedish-born film actress who became one of Hollywood's biggest stars during the 1920s and 1930s. Garbo's performance in the silent movie *Flesh and the Devil* (1926) catapulted her to international fame. Her first talking film, *Anna Christie* (1930), was promoted with the catchphrase “Garbo Talks!” She retired in 1940, and although she had many friends, she loathed publicity



and made no public appearances after her retirement. She collected art that was valued at several million dollars in her estate.



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

On This Date

1648 – Jacques Boisdon opened Quebec’s first licensed tavern. It was forbidden to operate while church services were being held.

1980 – Terry Fox was invested as a Companion of the Order of Canada. Fox, who had one leg amputated due to cancer, raised millions of dollars for cancer research during his marathon run across Canada.

1982 – Computer scientist Scott Fahlman originated the first smiley :-) emoticon. It was designed to be read sideways and is often used in e-mails to indicate that the writer is kidding.

Did You Know?

Today is International Talk Like a Pirate Day, when the whole world joins together to talk like a pirate! Sprinkle your conversations with pirate talk, such as: *Shiver me timbers!*, *Avast, me proud beauty!*, and *Arrr, the sea be in me blood!*



Quote of the Day

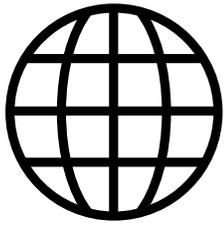
“A sharp tongue is the only edge tool that grows keener with constant use.”

~ *Washington Irving in his story Rip Van Winkle*

Happy Birthday!

Arthur Rackham (1867–1939) was an English illustrator known for his exuberant pen and ink drawings and watercolors. At 17, his family sent him to Australia to improve his fragile health. There he flourished, working as a clerk and studying art. Rackham then became a reporter and illustrator for the *Westminster Budget* and began taking commissions as a book illustrator. His best-known works include *Gulliver’s Travels*, *Rip Van Winkle*, *Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens*, and *Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm*.





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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

On This Date

1502 – The first use of the name “Newfoundland” appeared in the Daybooks of King’s Payments. Newfoundland is Canada’s oldest place name of European origin.

1973 – Billie Jean King beat Bobby Riggs in a tennis match that was billed as “The Battle of the Sexes.”



King won \$100,000 in prize money and the satisfaction of beating Riggs, who insisted that women were inferior players to men.

Daily Trivia

The world record for skipping stones on water is 88 skips, set by Kurt Steiner in 2013. Physicists have discovered that an angle of about 20° between the stone and the water’s surface is optimal.



Quote of the Day

“Everything you see I owe to spaghetti.”

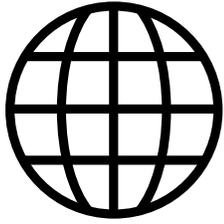
~ *Sophia Loren*

Happy Birthday!

Sophia Loren, born in 1934, is considered to be the most famous Italian actress of all time. She became an international film star due to a five-picture contract with Paramount Pictures in the late 1950s. Her films include *Desire Under the Elms* with Anthony Perkins, based on the Eugene O’Neill play; *Houseboat*, a romantic comedy costarring Cary Grant; and George Cukor’s *Heller*



in Pink Tights. She was married to film producer Carlo Ponti from 1957 until his death in 2007. Her primary residence is in Geneva, Switzerland.



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

On This Date

1895 – The Duryea Motor Wagon Company became the first North American automobile manufacturer to open for business. Politicians soon raised concerns about “the menace to our people of vehicles of this type hurtling through our streets and along our roads and poisoning the atmosphere.”

1937 – J. R. R. Tolkien’s *The Hobbit* was first published. The fantasy book is set in “an ancient time between the age of Faerie and the dominion of men.”

2003 – The Galileo spacecraft was directed to crash into Jupiter, ending a highly successful 14-year mission that included observing Comet Shoemaker–Levy 9’s collision with Jupiter.

Daily Trivia

The microwave oven was invented by mistake when an engineer testing a magnetron tube noticed that the radiation from it melted the chocolate bar he had in his pocket.

Quote of the Day

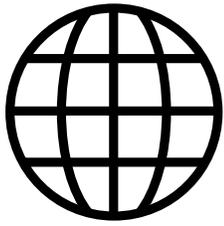
“When things get really bad, just raise your glass and stamp your feet and do a little jig. That’s about all you can do.”

~ *Leonard Cohen*

Happy Birthday!

Leonard Cohen (1934–2016) was a Canadian poet, novelist, singer, and songwriter whose work explored religion, politics, and personal relationships. He is known for his popular songs “Suzanne” and “Hallelujah,” which have been recorded by many artists. His work won numerous awards, including three Grammys. Cohen was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame as well as the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. His last album debuted three weeks before his death.





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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

It's the First Day of Fall!



On This Date

1914 – Three British cruisers were sunk by one German submarine in the North Sea. This event alerted the British to the effectiveness of the submarine.

1964 – *Fiddler on the Roof* premiered on Broadway for the first of 3,242 performances. The musical won nine Tony Awards.

Daily Quiz

Q: What is unique about the migration of the monarch butterfly?



A: Monarchs migrate up to 3,000 miles from their summer home in the northern U.S. and southern Canada to their winter home in central Mexico. Since they hatch in the summer, monarchs make the long trip as new butterflies, never having done it before.

Quote of the Day

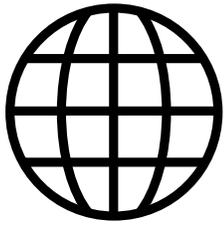
“The important thing is to know how to take all things quietly.”

~ *Michael Faraday*

Happy Birthday!

Michael Faraday (1791–1867) was an influential English scientist whose research focused on electromagnetism and electrochemistry. The primarily self-educated scientist is known for many revelations, including the Faraday paradox, the organic compound benzene, and developing the concept of the electromagnetic field and the laws of electrolysis. Albert Einstein honored Faraday by having his picture (along with those of Isaac Newton and James Clerk Maxwell) in his study.





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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

On This Date

1787 – Sir John Johnson of the British Indian Department purchased the site of Toronto from three Mississauga Indian chiefs. The purchase cost the British Crown £1,700 in cash and goods.

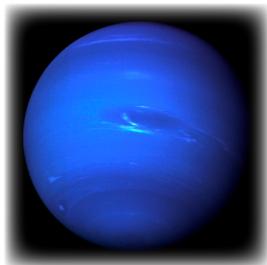
1846 – German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle discovered the planet Neptune.

1962 – *The Jetsons*, the first color TV series for ABC, aired its first episode.

1990 – The Public Broadcasting System debuted with an 11-hour documentary on the Civil War. Created by Ken Burns, the show was awarded more than 40 major honors.

Astronomy Trivia

Neptune is the most distant major planet from the sun. The giant has been visited only once, when the *Voyager 2* spacecraft conducted a close flyby on August 25, 1989.



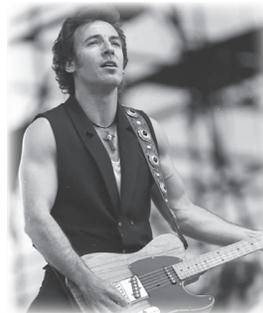
Quote of the Day

“I have spent my life judging the distance between American reality and the American dream.”

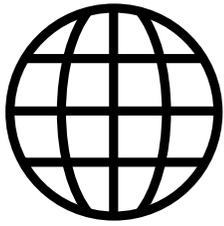
~ *Bruce Springsteen*

Happy Birthday!

Bruce Springsteen, born in 1949, is the beloved, socially conscious American rock star known by his fans as “The Boss.” Many of Springsteen’s best songs herald the experiences of blue-collar Americans. His iconic 1975 song “Born to Run” hit a cultural chord, launching him to stardom. In addition to his solo recordings, Springsteen is also the front man of the



E Street Band. His critically acclaimed *Born in the U.S.A.* album (1984) went 15x platinum and has sold more than 30 million copies.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

On This Date

1493 – Columbus set out for his second expedition to the New World. This time, he brought a fleet of 17 ships instead of the three he traveled with on his first voyage. The goal of the second trip was to establish a permanent colony.

1948 – Motorcycle builder Soichiro Honda incorporated the Honda Motor Company in Japan. Honda went on to become world famous in the 1960s for their motorcycles, and later for their affordable, fuel-efficient cars.

1952 – Fast food chain Kentucky Fried Chicken opened its first franchise location in Salt Lake City, Utah. KFC now has more than 23,000 restaurants worldwide.



Daily Quiz

Q: What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A: They were all invented by women.

Humor of the Day

“Cut out all these exclamation points. An exclamation point is like laughing at your own joke.”

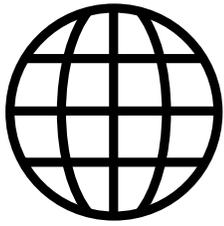
~ *F. Scott Fitzgerald*

Happy Birthday!

F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896–1940) was a writer of novels and short stories whose works embodied the “Jazz Age,” a term he coined. *The Great Gatsby*, which is considered Fitzgerald’s



masterpiece, was published in 1925. During the 1920s, Fitzgerald and his flamboyant wife, Zelda, led lavish lifestyles as New York celebrities. Sadly, Zelda was diagnosed as schizophrenic in 1930, and Fitzgerald suffered from health problems that, combined with his alcoholism, hindered his later writings.



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

On This Date

1878 – British physician Dr. Charles Drysdale warned against the use of tobacco in a letter to the *Times* newspaper. The message was one of the earliest notices on the dangers of smoking.

1926 – Henry Ford announced that his employees would be switching to a 40-hour, five-day work week.

1953 – Liberace made his debut at Carnegie Hall, performing before a sellout audience.



1957 – Nine black students entered Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, under heavy armed guard. It was the city's first school to be integrated after the Supreme Court ruled that school segregation was unconstitutional.

Did You Know?

In 1953, *Ripley's Believe It or Not* declared Liberace “the fastest piano player in the world.” He played 6,000 notes in two minutes.

Quote of the Day

“There is no such thing as was—only is.”

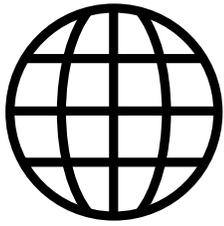
~ *William Faulkner*

Happy Birthday!

William Faulkner (1897–1962) was an iconic American writer who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1949. Faulkner set many of his stories and novels in fictional



Southern settings similar to his hometown of Oxford, Mississippi. His novels *A Fable* (1954) and *The Reivers* (1962) both won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Several of his books, including *The Sound and the Fury* and *As I Lay Dying*, are routinely featured on lists of the best English language novels of the 20th century. Faulkner died at 64 from a heart attack following a serious fall from his horse.



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

On This Date

1820 – Frontiersman Daniel Boone died quietly in his sleep at his home in Missouri. Boone helped establish settlements farther west than had previously been thought possible.



1928 – The Galvin Manufacturing Corporation—now Motorola—began production of radio battery eliminators. Two years later, the company introduced the first mass-produced car radios.

1983 – Soviet military officer Stanislav Petrov averted a potential nuclear war by correctly identifying a reported incoming nuclear missile as a computer error and not an American first strike. Tensions were especially high at the time, as Soviet planes had shot down a South Korean airliner just three weeks earlier.

Daily Trivia

Iced tea and the edible ice cream cone were popularized in 1904 during the St. Louis World's Fair.

Quote of the Day

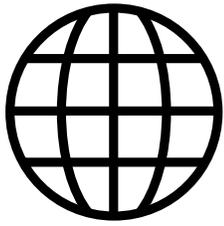
“Do not worry at being worried; but accept worry peacefully. Difficult but not impossible.”

~ *Johnny Appleseed*

Happy Birthday!

John Chapman (1774–1845), better known as “Johnny Appleseed,” was an American pioneer and nurseryman who introduced apple trees to large parts of the American midwest. Chapman became a legend while he was still alive thanks to his generous spirit and tireless conservation efforts. Using seeds from Pennsylvania cider mills, Chapman planted apple orchards and handed out seedlings as he traveled. He was also a member of the New Church and helped spread the gospel in the areas where he established apple nurseries.



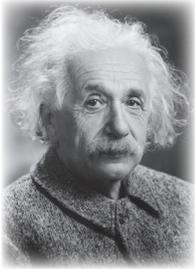


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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

On This Date

1905 – Albert Einstein’s paper



“Does the Inertia of a Body Depend Upon Its Energy Content?” was published, introducing the famous equation $E = mc^2$.

1972 – The sale of firecrackers was banned in Canada following public outcries that they were like miniature hand grenades for the preteen set.

1989 – The first two people to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel together and live to tell about it did so on this day. Jeffrey Petkovich and Peter DeBernardi went over the 167-foot-high Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side of the Falls.



Daily Trivia

As a child, Einstein had a tendency to whisper words softly to himself before saying them aloud. This led the family maid to nickname him “the dopey one.”

Quote of the Day

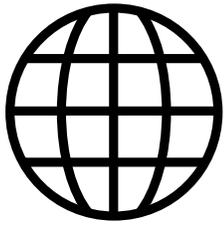
“A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman’s birthday, but never remembers her age.”

~ *Robert Frost*

Happy Birthday!

Randy Bachman, born in 1943, is a Canadian musician best known as a lead guitarist and songwriter. He was a founding member of the rock band the Guess Who in the early 1960s and of Bachman–Turner Overdrive in 1973. He is currently a radio personality on CBC Radio, hosting the weekly music show *Vinyl Tap*. Bachman studied the violin until age 12, which later influenced his guitar solos. Bachman has seven children, 26 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was inducted into the Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum in 2016.





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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

On This Date

1542 – Portuguese explorer Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo sailed into San Diego Bay. This is the first recorded contact that Europeans had with California, but despite his reports of the appealing coastline, a settlement was not founded until 1769.

1781 – General Washington led 17,000 French and Continental troops into a siege near Yorktown, Virginia. The defeat of British General Cornwallis and his troops ended the Revolutionary War and ensured American independence.



1785 – Napoleon Bonaparte graduated from the Military Academy in Paris. He was 42nd in a class of only 51.

Daily Trivia

The largest taxi fleet in the world is found in Mexico City. The city boasts more than 60,000 taxis.



Quote of the Day

“Ten people who speak make more noise than ten thousand who are silent.”

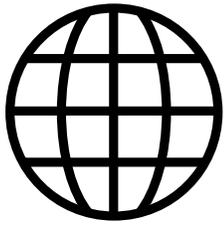
~ *Napoleon Bonaparte*

Happy Birthday!

Brigitte Bardot, born in 1934, is a French actress and singer. One of the most iconic sex symbols of the 1950s and 1960s, Bardot was widely referred to by her initials, B. B. She started her acting career in 1952



and became world-famous with her role in the controversial film *And God Created Woman* (1956). She has been an animal rights activist since her retirement from acting in 1973. In recent years, Bardot has generated controversy by criticizing immigration and Islam in France.



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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

On This Date

1829 – London’s reorganized police force was established on this day. Policemen were called “bobbies” and “peelers” after Robert Peel, the Home Secretary who began the force. The force became known as Scotland Yard.

1948 – *Hamlet*, starring Laurence Olivier, opened at Park Avenue Cinema in New York. The movie won the Best Picture Oscar.

1988 – The space shuttle *Discovery* blasted off from Kennedy Space Center, marking America’s return to manned space flight following the *Challenger* disaster. *Discovery* delivered 31 satellites into orbit before being retired in 2011.

Animal Trivia

The biggest frog is the appropriately named Goliath frog (*Conraua goliath*) of Cameroon. It can grow to be nearly a foot long, and it can weigh as much as seven pounds.



Quote of the Day

“He who loses wealth loses much; he who loses a friend loses more; but he that loses his courage loses all.”

~ *Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra*

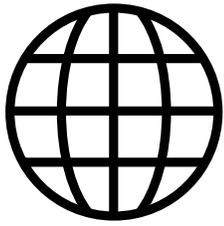
Happy Birthday!

Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra (1547–1616) was one of the world’s foremost novelists. His masterpiece,



Don Quixote, has been translated into more languages than any other book besides the Bible. Unable to support himself with

his writing, Cervantes worked as a purchasing agent for the Spanish Armada and as a tax collector. In his later years, he received a pension from a wealthy citizen, which allowed him to write full time. These later years were his most productive.



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

On This Date

1585 – English explorer John Davis returned from his first of three voyages to the Arctic in the service of Queen Elizabeth I.

1846 – Anesthetic ether was used for the first time by Boston dentist Dr. William Morton, who used it while extracting a tooth.

1927 – Babe Ruth, also known as the “Sultan of Swat,” hit his 60th home run of the season. The record stood until Roger Maris broke it in 1961.



1946 – The Nuremberg Trials concluded after 22 German military leaders were charged with war crimes.

Daily Trivia

Camels can travel up to 100 miles in the hot desert without water. But contrary to popular belief, a camel’s hump is not filled with water. Instead, it is filled with up to 80 pounds of fat that is metabolized for energy and water when needed.



Quote of the Day

“The women here in Monaco don’t like me, and so I have to watch everything I say and do because they’re so critical.”

~ *Grace Kelly*

Happy Birthday!

Princess Charlotte of Monaco, Duchess of Valentinois (1898–1977) was the daughter of Louis II and heir to the throne of Monaco from 1922 to 1944. On her son Rainier’s 21st birthday, she renounced her claim and made him the heir. Later in life, Princess Charlotte went to college and earned a degree in social work, eventually turning a family estate into a rehabilitation home for ex-convicts. She was also known for her eclectic love life, including a love affair with the jewel thief René Girier, which was scandalous in her time.

