



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1543 – King Henry VIII married his last wife, the widow Catherine Parr, at Hampton Court Palace.

1876 – Twenty-three-year-old Maria Spelterini walked across Niagara Falls on a tightrope. To make it more challenging, she wore peach baskets on her feet. A week later, she also walked the tightrope backward, and then once more with her hands and feet bound.

1982 – The last of Checker Motors' taxicabs rolled off the assembly line in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The taxi was noted for its durability and unchanging style.

Royal Trivia

King Henry VIII was over six feet tall and weighed about 200 pounds as a young man. He weighed nearly 400 pounds when he died at the age of 55.



Quote of the Day

“It’s the beauty within us that makes it possible for us to see the beauty around us.”

~ *Henry David Thoreau*

Happy Birthday!

Henry David Thoreau (1817–1862) was a celebrated philosopher, essayist, and poet. The early environmentalist wrote many books, including *Walden*, which chronicled the wonders of



nature and spiritual discovery. He wrote the iconic work while living a simple life in the woods in a cabin he constructed near Walden Pond,

on Massachusetts land owned by his mentor, Ralph Waldo Emerson. Thoreau was a staunch abolitionist and defender of civil disobedience and limited government. His writings influenced such figures as Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.