



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

753 BC – Rome was founded by Romulus and Remus.

1878 – At Engine Company 21 in Chicago, fireman George Reid slid down the binding pole from the hayloft to answer an alarm. His actions inspired poles in fire stations everywhere.

1986 – The Chernobyl nuclear plant in Pripjat, Ukraine, exploded in the world's worst civil nuclear catastrophe.

1956 – Elvis Presley's first hit record, *Heartbreak Hotel*, reached No. 1 on the charts. A newspaper article about the suicide of a lonely man who jumped from a hotel window inspired the lyrics, which were written by Tommy Durden and Mae Boren Axton.



1989 – The student-led Tiananmen Square protest in China began.

Daily Trivia

Reno, Nevada, is farther west than Los Angeles, California.

Quote of the Day

“I would always rather be happy than dignified.”

~ from *Jane Eyre*

Happy Birthday!

Charlotte Brontë (1816–1855) was one of the most famous female novelists of the Victorian era. Early in her career, she devoted herself to poetry. After completing school



and becoming a teacher, Charlotte turned to fiction, in large part because it had become a more marketable genre. In 1847, she finished *Jane Eyre*, her most popular novel, which was originally published under the pen name Currer Bell. Her other works include *Shirley* and *Villette*. She married parish priest Arthur Bell Nicholls in 1854 but died the next year due to complications with a pregnancy.