



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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Did you know? Queen Elizabeth I wanted Irish chiefs to occupy their own lands under title from her. Cormac McCarthy, the Lord of Blarney, tactfully handled every royal request by promising loyalty to the queen without fully giving in. Elizabeth later described similar sweet-talking blather as “a lot of Blarney”; thus, the famous phrase.

On This Date

1958 – Vanguard 1 was launched into orbit. The three-pound sphere was the second satellite launched by the United States and the first to use solar cell power. Although communication was lost in 1964, it is the oldest satellite still orbiting Earth. Vanguard 1 is expected to remain in orbit for another 180 years.



Quote of the Day

“When you look at the stars and the galaxy, you feel that you are not just from any particular piece of land, but from the solar system.”

~ *Kalpana Chawla*

Happy Birthday!

Kalpana Chawla (1962–2003)

was an aerospace engineer and the first woman of Indian descent to travel to outer space. Born in Haryana, India, Chawla moved



to the U.S. in 1982 to pursue her masters and doctorate in aerospace engineering. She entered the NASA Astronaut Corps in 1995 and was selected for mission STS-87 aboard space shuttle *Columbia* in 1997. Chawla was selected once again for mission STS-107 aboard *Columbia* in 2003. Tragically, the shuttle broke apart upon reentry to Earth, killing all seven astronauts aboard.