



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

On This Date

1840 – U.S. Naval officer Charles Wilkes explored 1,500 miles of the Antarctic coastline, establishing that the landmass was in fact a continent. That Antarctic coast is now known as Wilkes Land.

1924 – The first Winter Olympics opened in Chamonix, France. Snow skiing became much more popular as a result.



1963 – Wilson Kettle died of natural causes at the age of 102 in Grand Bay, Newfoundland. (Kettle's mother had lived to the age of 108.) At the time of his death, Kettle held the world record for having had the largest number of living descendants (582).

True or False?

Antarctica is the world's largest desert.

ANSWER: True! The average annual rainfall on Antarctica's 5.5 million square miles for the past 30 years is just over one centimeter.

Quote of the Day

“The Olympic Games were created for the exaltation of the individual athlete.”

~ Pierre de Coubertin

Happy Birthday!

Virginia Woolf (1882–1941) is often cited as a “women’s writer,” but her contributions to literature go far beyond such narrow definitions. Woolf was an experimental pioneer of “stream of consciousness” writing, where a character’s thoughts and feelings are conveyed on the page. While many of Woolf’s novels could be considered feminist, they are also



rich in style and profound in their themes, elements that make them not just intellectually stimulating but also beautiful to read.



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Today is Opposite Day, a day to do the opposite of what people ask you or just do the opposite of what you think is expected. Of course, you could do the opposite of Opposite Day and not do anything opposite at all.

Centennial Memories

On this day 100 years ago, the United States Army Band was established by General of the Armies John J. Pershing. During World War I, Pershing had heard and greatly admired the European military bands. He believed they contributed greatly to troop morale and efficiency. He also believed that an American Army Band could be better than any he had heard in Europe. Not only does the band perform for troops in theaters of war but it performs in concerts of national significance, such as state funerals and for visiting dignitaries.

Buy a Vowel

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Acting quickly without
thought or care

ANSWER: IMPETUOUS

Only Human

Back pain is common in humans, and evolutionary biologists believe they know why. Our ancient



ancestors ran around on four legs, with a spine designed for four-legged motion.

Seven million years ago, humans began walking upright on two legs, and our spines have yet to perfect this posture. The stacked structure of the spine is particularly susceptible to fractures and slips. Modern living, with many sitting at desks all day, doesn't help either.

Screen Gems

This deranged news anchor tells his viewing audience to yell, "I'm mad as hell and not going to take this anymore!"

ANSWER: Peter Finch as Howard Beale in
Network (1976)