



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

## On This Date

**1882** – Edward H. Johnson, a colleague of Thomas Edison, strung 80 small red, white, and blue lights on the Christmas tree in his home, becoming the first person to decorate their tree with lights instead of candles.

**1933** – The movie musical *Flying Down to Rio*, the first to pair the talents of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, premiered in New York City.

**2016** – A study found that the VSV-EBOV vaccine was effective, making it the first proven vaccine against the deadly Ebola disease.

## Dance Partners

Which of these stars did not dance with Fred Astaire on film?

- A. Rita Hayworth
- B. Cyd Charisse
- C. Dorothy Dandridge
- D. Eleanor Powell

ANSWER: C. Dorothy Dandridge

## Quote of the Day

“One day you’re the statue.  
One day you’re the pigeon.”

~ Diane Sawyer, journalist

## Happy Birthday!

**Diane Sawyer** was born in 1945 and was editor-in-chief of her high school newspaper, foreshadowing her career in as a reporter. Before journalism, Sawyer worked in politics for President Nixon. Some even believed that she was “Deep Throat.” In 1978, Sawyer turned back to the news. She would become a pioneering female news anchor at both CBS and ABC, known for her work on *ABC World News Tonight*, *Good Morning America*, *20/20*, and *Primetime*. Sawyer has won an Emmy and a Peabody Award. *Forbes* has listed her as one of the world’s most powerful women.

