



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021



*Celebrate  
Black  
History  
Month*

## On This Date

**1920** – The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Force was founded when the Royal North-West Mounted Police merged with the Dominion Police. Contrary to popular opinion, the motto of the RCMP is “Uphold the law,” not “Mounties always get their man.”

**1964** – The Beatles’ hit song “I Want to Hold Your Hand” reached No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart.

**2003** – The entire crew of seven astronauts died when NASA space shuttle *Columbia* broke apart as it returned to Earth.

## Celebrity Trivia

Arthur Miller wrote *The Misfits*, his first original screenplay, as a vehicle for his wife, Marilyn Monroe. The two divorced just prior to the filming of the movie.

## Quote of the Day

“The only reason they come to see me is that I know that life is great, and they know I know it.”

~ *Clark Gable*

## Happy Birthday!

**Clark Gable** (1901–1960) began his



career in film in 1924 and soon became a star. The debonair actor won an Academy Award in 1934 for his comic performance

in *It Happened One Night*. His best-remembered role is that of Rhett Butler in *Gone with the Wind* (1939). A leading box office attraction for many years, Gable was known to Hollywood as “the King.” He made more than 65 films, the last of which was *The Misfits* (1961). He died of a heart attack four months before his only son was born.



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**Today is** Spunky Old Broads Day, celebrating women over 50 who exude courage, wisdom, and vivacity. This holiday begs the question, “Is 50 really that old?” By some statistics, “middle age” is 65 nowadays, while “old” is 73.

## Eye in the Sky

The 12 well-known zodiac signs correspond to constellations in the heavens. These symbols were invented 3,000 years ago by the Babylonians. But the ancient stargazers chose to omit a 13th constellation, Ophiuchus, which some consider the 13th sign of the zodiac. Ophiuchus is the snake-bearer, depicted as a man holding a serpent. In the sky, Ophiuchus is between Scorpio and Sagittarius and occurs from November 29–December 17. The Babylonians chose to ignore this 13th sign because they felt that 12 signs corresponded perfectly with the 12 months of their calendar year.

## Riddle Me This

Why didn't the skeleton  
go to the dance?

ANSWER: *It had no body to go with.*

## Root of the Matter

### *A bed of roses*

If a circumstance is likened to *a bed of roses*, then it is considered effortless and comfortable. The image first appeared in the 13th century, in the medieval French poem *The Romance of the Rose*. In the story, a lover dreams that he tours a garden and finds a literal bed of roses next to the Fountain of Love. In later centuries, poets borrowed the image. In 1599, Christopher Marlowe wrote of a shepherd wooing his love: *And I will make thee a bed of roses*.



## Word Scramble

I R T N C A E

Known beyond a doubt

ANSWER: *CERTAIN*