



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

## On This Date

**1932** – George Burns and Gracie Allen debuted as regulars on The Guy Lombardo Show on CBS radio. The couple was so popular that they would soon have their own show, The Burns & Allen Show. George and Gracie continued on radio for 18 years before making the switch to TV. All in all, they were a big hit for three decades.



**1965** – The official ceremony inaugurating the new Canadian flag was held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The Canadian Red Ensign was lowered, and then, at the stroke of noon, the new Maple Leaf flag was raised. In honour of this event, February 15 has been designated National Flag of Canada Day.

## Animal Trivia

The Brazilian wandering spider is the world's most venomous spider. Its toxin is nearly 20 times deadlier than that of the black widow spider. They can grow to have a leg span of up to five inches.

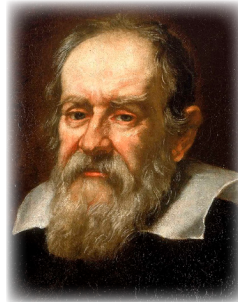
## Quote of the Day

“I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him.”

~ Galileo Galilei

## Happy Birthday!

**Galileo Galilei** (1564–1642) was an Italian astronomer, engineer, physicist, philosopher, and mathematician who is known as the “father of modern science.” Although



Galileo did not invent the telescope, he improved the device and used it to observe celestial bodies. He noted the phases of Venus, rings around Saturn, satellites orbiting Jupiter, and sunspots. He also supported the view that planets revolve around the sun, not Earth. The Vatican considered these views heresy and placed Galileo under house arrest for the last nine years of his life.



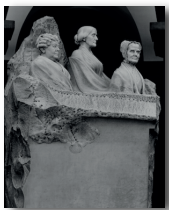
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**Today is Presidents' Day** in the United States. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in order to create three-day weekends. Washington's birthday celebration was then moved to the third Monday in February.

## Centennial Memories

On this day 100 years ago, six months after the ratification of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote, a statue commemorating suffragists Susan B. Anthony,



Lucretia Mott, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton was unveiled in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. The very next day the statue

was moved to the Capitol Crypt, which amounted to an underground broom closet. Not until May 14, 1997, was the statue finally put back on display in the Rotunda, memorializing women's fight for equal rights and honoring the sculptor, Adelaide Johnson.

## Riddle Me This

Why did the rooster cross the road?

*ANSWER: To show everyone he wasn't a chicken*

## What Am I?

At first, I was just some electronic sensors in a wooden box, a rather unremarkable prototype that even my inventors did not have much faith in. When I was unveiled at a 2008 conference, 2,000 fans pre-ordered me. Worn on the wrist, I am so much more than a watch, though I do tell time. I was originally used to track health information like how many steps a person walked or how many flights of stairs they climbed, but now I include an altimeter, a stopwatch, and even a sleep tracker. What am I?

*ANSWER: A Fitbit*

## Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

confiscate      ruminate

cogitate      deliberate

*ANSWER: To confiscate is to seize someone's property; the others mean to think over.*