



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

On This Date

1930 – Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto, which is now classified as a minor planet.

1943 – The Nazis arrested and later executed three members of the White Rose movement. The group was responsible for a leaflet and graffiti campaign that called for active opposition to Adolf Hitler. Today, members of the White Rose are honored in Germany amongst its greatest heroes, since they opposed the Third Reich in the face of almost certain death.

1979 – Snow fell in the Sahara Desert in southern Algeria for the only time in recorded history.

Celebrity Trivia

In 2010, during the first episode of the final season of her talk show, Oprah Winfrey announced that she would be taking her entire studio audience on an eight-day, expenses-paid trip to Australia, with John Travolta as pilot.

Quote of the Day

“If there’s a book that you want to read, but it hasn’t been written yet, then you must write it.”

~ *Toni Morrison*

Happy Birthday!

Toni Morrison (1931–2019) was an acclaimed best-selling novelist, book editor, essayist, and writing professor who grew up in Ohio. The Howard University graduate won the Pulitzer Prize for her 1987 novel *Beloved*. In 1993, Morrison was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, becoming the first woman of African descent to do so. Some of her other novels include *The Bluest Eye*, *Song of Solomon*, *Sula*, *Jazz*, and *A Mercy*. Morrison also wrote plays, nonfiction, and children’s literature.





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Today is Cow Milked While Flying in an Airplane Day. During the 1931 International Air Exposition in St. Louis, a Guernsey cow named Nellie Jay was milked aboard a plane and her milk parachuted to spectators below.

Gadgets & Gizmos



It's a Rubik's Cube for the 21st century. The GoCube tracks all your moves via your smartphone so you can track your progress. The app presents cube challenges, and you can even compete with other players using their GoCube.

Word Scramble

N D A R Y L A

Cord or strap worn
around the neck

ANSWER: LANYARD

The Games People Play

Picigin is a popular game played on the beaches of Split in Croatia. Legend has it that the game was invented in 1908 by students visiting the beach. They wanted to play water polo, but the water was so shallow that they invented a new game where players in shallow, ankle-deep water must cooperate to keep a small ball out of the water. Players stand in a circle and use their hands to keep a ball in the air, similar to volleyball but without a net. The ball is actually a tennis ball stripped of its fuzz. Die-hard traditionalists play *picigin* on the beach on New Year's Day, despite freezing water temperatures.

Name Three

Can you name three U.S. states that begin with the letter I?

POSSIBLE ANSWERS: Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Idaho