



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

On This Date

1916—A fire destroyed the Center Block of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, Ontario, and killed seven people. A quick-thinking clerk closed the iron doors and saved the Parliamentary Library. The tragedy was widely blamed on German wartime saboteurs.

1959 – Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J. P. “the Big Bopper” Richardson were killed in a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa.

1995 – Astronaut Eileen Collins became the first woman to pilot the space shuttle as mission STS-63 got underway from Kennedy Space Center.



Artist Friendship

On September 7, 1948, Norman Rockwell presented a large birthday cake to his friend and fellow artist Grandma Moses in celebration of her 88th birthday.

Quote of the Day

“A fool can throw a stone in a pond that 100 wise men cannot get out.”

~ *Saul Bellow*

Happy Birthday!

Norman Rockwell (1894–1978) was born in New York City. An enormously



popular illustrator, Rockwell specialized in warm and humorous scenes of everyday small-town life. He is best known for his magazine covers,

notably for *The Saturday Evening Post*. Rockwell’s poster series on the Four Freedoms was inspired by a Franklin D. Roosevelt speech and was widely circulated during World War II, as was his Rosie the Riveter drawing. The Stockbridge, Massachusetts Norman Rockwell Museum contains 700 original Rockwell paintings and drawings.



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Today is Feed the Birds Day. An excellent way to attract birds to your backyard is to put out bird feeders. Birds are attracted to black-oil sunflower seeds. In the winter, seeds mixed with suet fat provide a high-energy snack.

You Are What You Eat

Durian is known as the “King of Fruits.” The delicacy is popular in Southeast Asia and grows in tropical rainforests, but it has gotten a bad rap in the West due to its stinky smell. The flesh is said to taste like cheese, almonds, garlic, and caramel all at once. Its appearance is also imposing, for its hard outer shell is covered in spikes. But durian is considered one of the world’s most nutritious foods, full of protein, fiber, vitamins, and minerals. The plant has also been used in traditional Malaysian medicine to reduce fevers and treat jaundice.

Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

Everest Baikal

Aconcagua Denali

ANSWER: Baikal is a lake in Siberia; the others are mountains.

Only Human

Researchers have discovered a type of cell in the brain that they are calling a *time cell*. These nerve cells place a sort of stamp on certain memories so that we can recall important events or sequences of events in the proper order. The neurons, located in the hippocampus, help us create timelines that make sense. Researchers discovered that people with damage to the hippocampus have trouble putting memories in the correct order. Time cells can speed up and slow down, depending on one’s mood, which explains why some experiences seem to drag on forever.



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Name Three

Can you name three gods of Mt. Olympus whose names begin with *H*?

POSSIBLE ANSWERS: Hermes, Hephaestus, Hera, and sometimes Hestia