



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

On This Date

1839 – American and Canadian loggers clashed in the Aroostook lumber war over an undefined boundary between New Brunswick and Maine. A truce was quickly struck but the border was not finalized until a treaty in 1842.

1968 – *Planet of the Apes* premiered. The film was the first in a series of five.

1969 – A meteor broke up in the sky above the Mexican village of Pueblito de Allende and scattered thousands of stones across an area about 30 miles wide. The largest piece weighed 4,400 pounds. The meteorite is often called “the best-studied meteorite in history.”



Did You Know?

Lake Superior contains enough water to submerge all of North and South America in one foot of water. The lake is fed by some 200 rivers and contains 10% of the fresh water on Earth.

Quote of the Day

“You live your life today—not tomorrow, and certainly not yesterday.”

~ John Grisham

Happy Birthday!

John Grisham, born in 1955, is an American writer, politician, and lawyer. Known for his legal thrillers, the novelist started his professional life as a criminal defense attorney, followed by six years as a Mississippi state representative. He spent four years crafting his first novel, *A Time to Kill* (1989), and then two more on his next best-seller, *The Firm* (1991), which was adapted into a film and TV show. Since then, he’s produced a new book or two each year, with many of them ending up on screen. He’s also on the board of directors of the Innocence Project.





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Today is World Opera Day. The famous saying “It ain’t over ’til the fat lady sings” references Brünnhilde’s long aria at the end of Richard Wagner’s *Ring* cycle of operas. Brünnhilde is often portrayed by a buxom soprano.

50 Years Ago Today

On this day 50 years ago, the NASDAQ (National Association of Securities Dealers and Automated Quotations), the second-largest stock exchange in the world (after the New York Stock Exchange), was founded in New York City. It was the first computerized system where securities could be traded electronically. Today, the NASDAQ is the home of technology companies such as Apple, Tesla, Google, and Microsoft. Such companies are considered cutting edge and innovative, but also more volatile and unpredictable.

Word Scramble

A L T R E T P

Talk on and on foolishly

ANSWER: PRATTLE

Root of the Matter

Devil’s advocate

Someone who plays *devil’s advocate* argues an opposing point of view simply for the sake of presenting an alternative argument. This term originated with the Roman Catholic Church. When a person was chosen to be sainted, a lawyer officially known as the Promoter of the Faith, but commonly called the *Devil’s advocate*, was appointed to argue against the candidate’s canonization. This *Devil’s advocate* debated against the Promoter of Justice, or *God’s advocate*, who argued for sainthood.



Who Said So?

This humorist for the *Saturday Evening Post* said, “Scratch a dog and you’ll find a permanent job.”

ANSWER: Franklin P. Jones.