

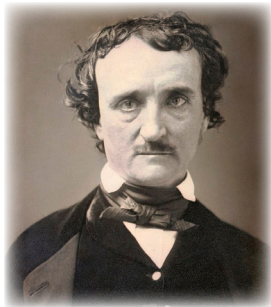


THE DAILY CHRONICLE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021

On This Date

1845 – “The Raven” by Edgar Allan Poe was published in the *New York Evening Mirror*. The poem begins,



“Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary, Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore.”

1964 – *Dr. Strangelove*, the classic dark comic movie about nuclear war, was released. The release was scheduled to occur in late 1963 but was delayed because of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Football Fruit

Pangium edule is a tall tree in Southeast Asia with fruit the size and shape of a football—hence one of its names, football fruit. The fruit is oval (about the size of a large husked coconut) with a brown rough surface. The seeds, bark, and leaves are poisonous. The seeds are used as rat poison, and the bark and leaves are sometimes used to stun fish so they can be scooped up easily.

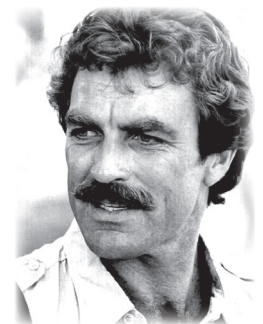
Quote of the Day

“Life isn’t fair,
but you can be.”

~ Tom Selleck

Happy Birthday!

Tom Selleck, born in 1945, is an iconic TV actor and film producer. The heartthrob is most recognizable as the lead character and private detective Thomas Magnum, from the mega-hit CBS television series *Magnum, P. I.* Selleck enjoys sports and can be found playing volleyball or watching a Los Angeles Kings hockey game in his free time. He and his wife, Jillie, have one child, and they live in southern California on a 60-acre avocado farm. While Selleck says that he enjoys being outdoors and doing farmwork, he claims not to be a fan of the farm’s produce.





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Today is Freethinkers Day, honoring the life of Thomas Paine, who was born on this day in 1737. This philosopher, political theorist, and revolutionary American embodied independent thought and the freedom to pursue the truth.

Think-tionary

awumbuk

A. A feeling of heaviness or sorrow after guests or visitors depart

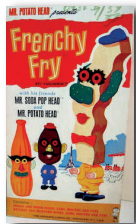
or

B. The use of natural materials, such as sticks or vines, to make repairs in lieu of manufactured replacement parts

ANSWER: A. After my children returned to college following the winter break, my awumbuk persisted for many days.

Toys of Yesteryear

In 1952, Mr. Potato Head, with its interchangeable body parts, became a popular toy. Throughout the 1950s and '60s, Mr. Potato Head enjoyed an expanding family of food friends. Hasbro introduced Cooky the Cucumber, Pete the Pepper, and even the Picnic Pals: Frenchy Fry, Frankie Frank, and Willy Burger.



Mystery to Me

The Banco Central in Fortaleza is Brazil's central bank, in charge of the country's money supply. In 2005, a group claiming to be a landscaping company rented out a building two blocks away. It garnered no suspicion that they hauled away soil day after day. No one knew that they were tunneling beneath the city right into the Banco Central. The robbers made off with almost R\$165 million Brazilian reals, worth over \$70 million. In the following years, various suspects were arrested, but only R\$20 million was ever recovered. No one knows how many robbers were truly involved.

Word Scramble

H E P I S R E M H E

A half of the earth

ANSWER: HEMISPHERE