



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

## On This Date

**1729** – Playing cards signed by the governor of Quebec were used for money due to a shortage of printed bills to pay troops in New France.

**1933** – The movie *King Kong* premiered at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. The film was notable for Willis O’Brien’s groundbreaking stop-motion animation, Max Steiner’s musical score, and actress Fay Wray’s role as the ape’s love.

**1944** – For the first time, the Oscar ceremony was held at a large public venue, Grauman’s Chinese Theatre. Jack Benny served as master of ceremonies for the event.

**1962** – Basketball great Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in a single game. The record still stands.



## News of the Word

In 2018, the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* added several creatively abbreviated words to its pages, including *faves*, *adorbs*, and *guac*.

## Quote of the Day

“American people have the ability to laugh at themselves. It is one of the things that makes this country the great country that it is.”

~ *Desi Arnaz*

## Happy Birthday!

**Desi Arnaz** (1917–1986) was a Cuban American actor, comedian, and musician. Born in Cuba, his affluent, politically prominent family fled to Miami following the Cuban Revolution of 1933.



After learning English in high school, Arnaz became an entertainer. He’s best known for playing Ricky Ricardo on the iconic 1950s sitcom *I Love Lucy* with his wife at the time, comedienne Lucille Ball. He and Ball pioneered the lucrative business of syndicated reruns, making big profits in the process. He was the bandleader of the popular Desi Arnaz Orchestra.



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**Today is** Dr. Seuss Day, celebrating the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel. Before becoming a famous author of children’s books, Geisel worked in advertising for companies like Ford, General Electric, and Standard Oil.

## Who Am I?

I was born into a family of eleven children and received just an elementary school education. I moved to the city, where I worked as a handyman, earning enough money to hire a private tutor. When I began work at a sewing machine factory, my eyes opened to machinery and invention. I improved the sewing machine and made enough money to work on my own. I went on to invent a hair straightener, a “breathing device” that would become a gas mask for soldiers during World War I, and even the three-position traffic light. Who am I?

*ANSWER: Garrett Morgan*

## Buy a Vowel

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A personal view or judgment

*ANSWER: OPINION*

## Only Human

When our third molars (known as wisdom teeth) come in, they often crowd the other teeth around them. That doesn’t sound very wise. So why do we have wisdom teeth? Back when our human ancestors ate a diet of rough food like nuts, roots, and tough meats, we needed these extra molars to help grind down this food. As humans learned how to cook and innovated utensils like knives, wisdom teeth were rendered obsolete. Furthermore, as our brains grew bigger, the amount of space in our mouths shrunk, leaving no place for the third molars to fit. Wisdom teeth remain vestigial organs—body parts that are now virtually functionless.



## Punny Business

Long fairy tales have a tendency to dragon.