



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021

On This Date

1099 – Crusaders captured the city of Jerusalem, interrupting centuries of Muslim rule. The sultan Saladin led the Muslims to recapture the city in 1187. The Crusades lasted from 1095 until 1291.

1878 – The Hamilton District Telegraph Company in Ontario opened the first telephone exchange in the British Empire. The first operators were teenage boys, but complaints of rudeness led the company to hire young women.

1918 – The Germans began their final offensive of World War I, the Second Battle of the Marne. The effort soon failed, resulting in a series of Allied victories that ended the war on November 11, 1918.

Word Trivia

The only word that can be typed using the bottom row of letters on a keyboard is *zzz* (to indicate sleeping). The word is found in at least one dictionary. There are no vowels in the bottom row.

Quote of the Day

“A painting is complete when it has the shadows of a god.”

~ *Rembrandt*

Happy Birthday!

Rembrandt (1606–1669) is one of the most celebrated and innovative artists of all time. The Dutch master used light, shadow, texture, and color to create brilliantly realistic, expressive, rich, and tactile paintings. His subjects include portraits, religious and mythological scenes, and simple moments from life. Best known for his paintings, Rembrandt was also an accomplished draftsman and printmaker. Some of his many prominent works include *The*



Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicholas Tulp, The Storm on the Sea of Galilee, The Night Watch, and Self-Portrait with Two Circles.



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Today is Give Something Away Day. Generosity can reduce your stress and anxiety levels. Today you can donate gifts of time or money. Or gather gently used items and donate them to a worthy charity. Everyone benefits!

Weather or Not

While it has never actually rained cats and dogs, records show that it has rained fish. Greek records from 200 BC describe fish raining down from the sky. In 1957, residents in Thomasville, Alabama, suffered a similar deluge when fish, frogs, and crayfish fell with the rain. The cause of these strange occurrences is most likely due to tornadoes or *downspouts*, which are tornadoes that occur over bodies of water. The powerful swirling winds lift water-dwelling creatures into the air and deposit them miles away.



Who Said So?

This Brazilian novelist, known for his alchemy, said, “No, I never saw an angel, but it is irrelevant whether I saw one or not. I feel their presence around me.”

ANSWER: Paulo Coelho

Root of the Matter

Butter someone up

When you *butter someone up*, you do not slather them in butter; rather, you flatter them with praise in an effort to win their favor. This saying originated in India, where it was customary to throw balls of *ghee*, or clarified butter, at statues of the gods to earn their favor. Tibet has a similar tradition where monks carve intricate sculptures out of butter that depict the life and good works of the Buddha. Each new year, these sculptures are offered in return for peace, happiness, and good fortune.

Word Scramble

B A R O H N L O E

Worthy of high regard
and respect

ANSWER: HONORABLE