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> This Day in History

> Born on this Day

1302: According to Shakespeare, this is Romeo and Juliet's wedding day. [Learn more about Shakespeare.](#)

1865: General William T. Sherman takes Fayetteville, North Carolina, and destroys the arsenal there. [Learn more about the Civil War.](#)

1888: From March 11 until March 14, the worst blizzard in history hits the eastern United States, paralyzing the region. [Learn more about blizzards.](#)

1941: President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Lend-Lease Act. It gives the president authority to aid any nation whose defense is regarded as vital to the United States and to accept repayment. [Learn more about the lend-lease program.](#)

[Torquato Tasso](#), Italian poet (1544)

Malcolm Campbell, British corporation director and automobile racer (1885)

[Frederick IX](#), king of Denmark (1899)

[Rupert Murdoch](#), Australian-born media magnate (1931)

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> Mystery Person of the Day



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1959: The play *A Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry, is first performed in New York City. It stars Sidney Poitier and Claudia McNeil and goes on to win a New York Drama Critics Circle award. [Learn more about Lorraine Hansberry.](#)

1985: Mikhail Gorbachev is named first secretary of the Soviet Communist Party. [Learn more about Mikhail Gorbachev.](#)

> Today's Web Pick

[Influenza 1918](#)

On March 11 the so-called Spanish influenza pandemic of 1918 arrived in the United States. PBS Online presents a feature on the pandemic as well as information about how scientific discoveries made during that outbreak will help prevent future epidemics.

> Your Astrological Sign

Symbolized by the fish, Pisces is a water sign. Pisceans are sensitive, emotional, creative, and mystical. Good listeners, Pisceans often have great sympathy for others. They also have the ability to take life as it comes. [Learn more about Pisces.](#)

[Who am I?](#) I was born on this day in 1903. My so-called champagne music featured the accordion and organ and was distinctive for its lively style.

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Pisces (astrology)

Pisces (astrology), the 12th sign of the [zodiac](#), symbolized by two fish. According to astrologers, people whose birthdays occur between February 19 and March 20 are born under the sun sign of Pisces. The planet Neptune rules Pisces, which is a water sign.

Astrologers consider Pisceans to be sensitive, emotional, sunny, impressionable, dreamy, creative, psychic, and mystical. Pisceans tend to be idealistic; sometimes the real world gets too harsh and ugly for them. To escape unpleasant realities, some Pisceans retreat into their own dreams and fantasies and become evasive, even deceitful. Others escape productively through charity work, the arts, religion, meditation, and solitude. Pisceans make good listeners, can see different sides of issues, and often have great sympathy for the suffering of others.

According to astrologers, typical Pisceans do not have great physical stamina. Pisceans can be

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delicate and vulnerable, especially when under emotional stress. However, they are capable of great strength, in part because they are adaptable and can maneuver around difficult situations. They also have the ability to take life as it comes. Professions associated with Pisces are music, film, dance, and other arts; charitable work; counseling; jobs involving water, chemicals, oil, or drugs; clergy; and nursing. *See also* [Astrology](#); [Horoscope](#).

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