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Ceres is the smallest identified [dwarf planet](#) in the [Solar System](#) and the only one in the [asteroid belt](#). It was discovered on 1 January 1801, by [Giuseppe Piazzi](#), and for half a century was classified as the eighth [planet](#). It is named after [Ceres](#), a [Roman goddess](#). With a diameter of about 950 km (590 miles), Ceres is the [largest](#) and most massive body in the [asteroid belt](#) and contains about a third of the belt's total [mass](#). It is [spheroidal](#) and its surface probably consists of a mixture of water ice and various [hydrated minerals](#) like [carbonates](#) and [clays](#). Ceres appears to be [differentiated](#) into a rocky [core](#) and icy [mantle](#), with [brines](#) reaching the surface. From the Earth, the [apparent magnitude](#) of Ceres ranges from 6.7 to 9.3; at its brightest it is generally too dim to be seen with the naked eye. On 27 September 2007, [NASA](#) launched the space probe *[Dawn](#)* to explore the asteroid [Vesta](#) from 2011 to 2012, and Ceres from 2015 to 2018. (*[This article](#) is part of a [featured topic](#): [Solar System](#).*)

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- ... that after [Taters Chatham](#) stole the [chelengk](#) of [Lord Nelson](#) (*replica pictured*) in 1951 it was never recovered?
- ... that when rock musician [Warren Zevon](#) received a terminal diagnosis of lung cancer, he learned to "[enjoy every sandwich](#)"?
- ... that writer [I. C. Vissarion](#) was sentenced to death during the [1907 Romanian peasants' revolt](#), after it was alleged that he had created homemade bombs?
- ... that [House of Waters](#) repurposes the [hammered dulcimer](#), an Appalachian folk music instrument, for international jazz fusion?
- ... that [Sanne Wevers](#) is the first Dutch female gymnast to have won an individual Olympic medal?
- ... that the [Hosanna Meeting House](#) was a station on the [Underground Railroad](#) and had a secret chamber to conceal [fugitive slaves](#) beneath its floorboards?
- ... that [Dana International](#), winner of the [Eurovision Song Contest 1998](#), received death threats following her selection to compete?
- ... that despite its sizable population, [Cary](#) is classified as a town?



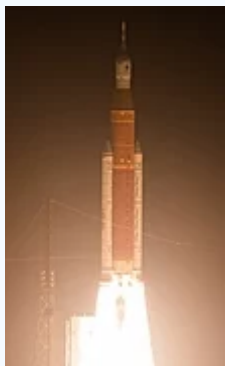
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- NASA's **Artemis 1** (*pictured*) is successfully launched on an uncrewed test flight to the **Moon**.
- The United Nations estimates the **world population** to have exceeded eight billion.
- In cricket, **the ICC Men's T20 World Cup** concludes with **England** defeating **Pakistan** in **the final**.
- At least six people are killed and 81 others injured in **a bombing** in **Istanbul**, Turkey.



Artemis 1

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On this day

November 20

- 284** – **Diocletian** (*bust pictured*) became **Roman emperor**, eventually establishing reforms that ended the **Crisis of the Third Century**.
- 1739** – **War of Jenkins' Ear**: A British naval force **arrived at the settlement** of **Portobello** in the **Spanish Main**, capturing it the next day.
- 1902** – While discussing how to promote the newspaper ***L'Auto***, sports journalist **Géo Lefèvre** came up with the idea of holding a **cycling race** that later became known as the **Tour de France**.
- 1979** – A group of armed insurgents **attacked and took over** the **Masjid al-Haram** in **Mecca**, declaring that one of their leaders was the **Mahdi**, the prophesied redeemer of Islam.
- 1991** – **First Nagorno-Karabakh War**: An Azerbaijani military helicopter carrying a peacekeeping mission team **was shot down** in **Nagorno-Karabakh**, disrupting ongoing peace talks.



Bust of Diocletian

Thomas Chatterton (b. 1752) · **Cri-Zelda Brits** (b. 1983) · **Ancel Keys** (d. 2004)

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A **yawn** is a **reflex** consisting of the simultaneous **inhalation** of air and the **stretching** of the eardrums, followed by an exhalation of breath. Many animal species, including birds and fish,

experience yawning. The study of yawning is called chasmology. Yawning (oscitation) most often occurs in adults immediately before and after sleep, during tedious activities and as a result of its contagious quality. This photograph depicts a newborn girl yawning; research data strongly suggest that neither contagious nor story-induced yawning is reliable in children below the age of six years.

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