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## From today's featured article



Nestor Makhno (1888–1934) was a Ukrainian anarchist revolutionary and the commander of the Revolutionary Insurgent Army of Ukraine during the Ukrainian Civil War. Born into a poor peasant family in southern Ukraine, Makhno became involved in the local anarchist movement and was imprisoned for his activities. Following the 1917 Revolution, he returned to his hometown and became a local revolutionary leader, spearheading anarchist resistance to Ukrainian nationalists and the White movement. Upon defeating his enemies in battle, he established the Makhnovshchina, a mass movement by the Ukrainian peasantry to establish anarchist communism in Ukraine, coming to control much of the southern and eastern part of the country. After he collaborated with the Bolsheviks to defeat the Whites, his former allies turned on him,

and he was wounded and driven into exile in 1921. He died in Paris from tuberculosis. (Full article...)

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- ... that Cora Agnes Benneson (pictured), one of the first female lawyers in New England, was rejected by Harvard Law School because "the equipments were too limited to make suitable provision for receiving women"?
- ... that Lauryn Hill's song "To Zion" is about her decision not to terminate her pregnancy despite facing pressure to do so?
- ... that **Philipp Tanzer** has been an army medic, artist, firefighter, hairdresser, massage therapist, festival organiser, political candidate and gay porn star?
- ... that food was left to rot outside after the supermarket Supie went out of business?
- ... that the sea slug Bosellia mimetica benefits from photosynthesis?
- ... that in December 2022 **Panos Katseris** scored his first goal for the Italian club Catanzaro less than a minute after kick-off?
- ... that 35.6 percent of counties in the United States are classified as maternity care deserts?
- ... that the "first settler of Asotin County" was the second?

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Cora Agnes Benneson

- The *Odysseus* robotic lander (*pictured*) of the **IM-1** mission performs the first commercial soft landing on the Moon.
- At the British Academy Film Awards, Oppenheimer wins Best Film and six other awards.
- Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny dies in a corrective labor colony near Kharp, at the age of 47.
- In American football, the Kansas City Chiefs defeat the San Francisco 49ers to win the Super Bowl.



Odysseus lunar lander

**Ongoing**: Israel–Hamas war · Myanmar civil war · Red Sea crisis · Russian invasion of Ukraine (timeline)

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February 24: Lantern Festival in China (2024); Independence Day in Estonia

- 1711 *Rinaldo* by George Frideric Handel (*pictured*), the first Italian-language opera written specifically for the London stage, premiered.
- 1809 Napoleonic Wars: French admiral Villaret de Joyeuse unconditionally surrendered to the British, which ended the British invasion of Martinique and began a five-year occupation of the island.
- 1979 Uganda–Tanzania War: Ugandan government forces fled Masaka, Uganda, as the Tanzania People's Defence Force bombarded and captured the town.
- 1989 United Airlines Flight 811 experienced uncontrolled decompression after leaving Honolulu International Airport, Hawaii, blowing seats out of the aircraft and killing nine passengers.



George Frideric Handel

Æthelberht of Kent (d. 616) · Judah Folkman (b. 1933) · Nina Simonovich-Efimova (d. 1948) · Leo Ornstein (d. 2002)

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The **lychee** (*Litchi chinensis*) is a tropical tree in the soapberry family, Sapindaceae, which is native to South China, Malaysia, and northern Vietnam. It has also been introduced throughout Southeast Asia, South Asia and in parts of Southern Africa. A tall evergreen tree, it bears small fleshy sweet fruits which feature a dark brown inedible seed, a layer of translucent white fleshy sweet aril, and a pinkish-red, rough-textured soft shell on the outside. The aril has a

floral scent and is most often eaten fresh. This photograph, which has been focus-stacked from 15 separate images, shows a whole lychee fruit, an opened fruit, and a seed.

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