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The Kinks

The English rock band the Kinks staged [their first concert tour of the United States](#) in June and July 1965, following concerts in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Singapore and a [tour of the United Kingdom](#). Initially one of the most popular [British Invasion](#) groups, [the Kinks](#) (*pictured*) saw major commercial opportunity in the US, but the resultant tour was plagued with issues between the band, their management, local [promoters](#) and the American music unions. Promoters and union officials filed complaints over the Kinks' conduct, prompting the [US musicians' union](#) to withhold work permits from the band for the next four years, effectively banning them from performing in the US. Their American record sales declined, and bandleader [Ray Davies](#) shifted his songwriting approach towards more overt English influences. Davies resolved the ban in early 1969, and the Kinks staged a comeback tour later that year, but they did not achieve regular commercial success in the US again until the late 1970s. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that a fungus called [white rot](#) can [strip out](#) certain dyes in textiles?
- ... that [James B. Tapp](#) was the first [United States Army Air Forces](#) pilot to be recognized as a flying ace for flying very-long-range missions over Japan in [P-51s](#) during World War II?
- ... that the book series [The Serrano Legacy](#) by [Elizabeth Moon](#) features protagonists who are daughters or aunts?
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- ... that despite being a keyboard player himself, [Ray Charles](#) hired [Bobby Floyd](#) to play organ and piano in his band?
- ... that according to [Cory Doctorow](#), [enshittification](#) is how platforms die?
- ... that Jennifer Mills has written [Jennifer Mills News](#), a weekly newspaper about herself, for 21 years?



Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni
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- [Daniel Noboa](#) (*pictured*) [is elected](#) President of Ecuador.
- Parties opposing the ruling [United Right](#) win a combined majority of seats in [the Polish general election](#).

- The **National Party**, led by **Christopher Luxon**, wins the most seats in **the New Zealand general election**.
- Australian voters **reject** altering **the Constitution** to establish an **Indigenous Voice to Parliament**.

Ongoing: Israel–Hamas war · Russian invasion of Ukraine (timeline)

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Daniel Noboa

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On this day

October 23: **Double Ninth Festival** in China (2023); **Mole Day**

- **1798** – **War of the Second Coalition**: The Ottoman–Albanian forces of **Ali Pasha of Janina** defeated French troops and captured the town of **Preveza** at the **Battle of Nicopolis**.
- **1850** – The inaugural **National Women's Rights Convention**, presided over by American activist **Paulina Wright Davis** (*pictured*), began in **Worcester, Massachusetts**.
- **1906** – **Alberto Santos-Dumont** flew his **biplane 14-bis** for 50 metres (160 ft) at an altitude of about four metres (13 ft).
- **2001** – ***Grand Theft Auto III*** was released, helping to popularize **open-world** and mature-content video games.
- **2022** – **Myanmar civil war**: Burmese military forces **launched airstrikes that killed** at least 80 concertgoers in **Kachin State**.



Paulina Wright Davis

Sweyn III of Denmark (d. 1157) · **Ludwig Leichhardt** (b. 1813) · **Johan Gabriel Ståhlberg** (b. 1832) · **Josh Kirby** (d. 2001)

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Dune, a 2021 American epic science fiction film, **won 88 awards from 219 nominations**. It received particular praise for the direction of **Denis Villeneuve** (*pictured*), as well as its musical score, visual effects, cinematography, production design, sound effects, and film editing. The film garnered ten nominations at the **94th Academy Awards**, including **Best Picture**, and went on to win six awards: **Best Original Score**, **Best Sound**, **Best Cinematography**, **Best Production Design**, **Best Film Editing**, and **Best Visual Effects**. At the **75th British Academy Film Awards**, the film received eleven nominations and received five awards: **Best Cinematography**, **Best Original Music**, **Best Production Design**, **Best Sound**, and **Best Special Visual Effects**. (**Full list...**)



Denis Villeneuve

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Blue Horse I is an [oil-on-canvas painting](#) by [Franz Marc](#) executed in 1911. The first draft, produced earlier that year, was a pencil drawing which Marc drew in his sketchbook; this was about the size of a postcard and entitled *Young Horse in Mountain Landscape*, which already shows the composition of the later painting. The painting was part of several exhibitions that Marc and Russian painter [Wassily Kandinsky](#) presented to the public under the name *Der Blaue Reiter* from late 1911 until 1914. *Blue Horse I* is regarded as one of the painter's most famous paintings and is now part of the collection of the [Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus](#) in Munich, Germany.

Painting credit: [Franz Marc](#)

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