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From today's featured article



Holotype skull, seen from above, below and the left

Oryzomys antillarum, the Jamaican rice rat, is an extinct [rodent](#) known from [subfossils](#) and specimens collected live in the 19th century. It probably became extinct late in that century, perhaps due to the [introduction](#) of the [small Indian mongoose](#), competition with introduced rodents such as the [brown rat](#), and [habitat destruction](#) in Jamaica. *O. antillarum* was a medium-sized rat, with a length of 120 to 132 mm (4.7 to 5.2 in), not including the tail; the skull was about 30 mm (1.2 in) long. The upperparts were reddish and graded into the yellowish underparts. The tail was about as long as the head and body, sparsely haired, and darker above than below. The species was similar in most respects to the rice rat *Oryzomys couesi* of mainland Central America, but had longer [nasal bones](#), shorter [perforations of the palate near the incisors](#), and more robust [cheekbones](#). (***This article*** is part of a *featured topic*: ***Oryzomys***.)

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- ... that [Egon Schiele](#) disrupted the dichotomy between beauty and ugliness in his *[Seated Woman with Bent Knees](#)* (*[pictured](#)*) ?
- ... that the [Church of the Immaculate Conception](#) was rededicated as a [shrine](#) in 1954, 100 years after the dogma of the [Immaculate Conception](#) was defined?
- ... that [Markus Becker](#), who earned awards for his recording of the complete piano works by [Max Reger](#), also recorded jazz?
- ... that according to the [Open Syllabus Project](#), the most widely taught novel in college courses is *[Frankenstein](#)*?
- ... that [César Mascetti](#) was reportedly the first Argentine journalist to interview a member of [the Beatles](#) when he met a naked [George Harrison](#) on a Rio de Janeiro beach?
- ... that [IBM EduQuest](#) equipped the floppy drives in their computer systems with a dust shield to prevent the intrusion of dirt and chalk dust?
- ... that [an ancient Chinese medical encyclopaedia](#) recommends *[qigong](#)* as a cure for most diseases?
- ... that [a grey poplar in Amsterdam](#) is "the tree that saw it all"?



Seated Woman with Bent Knees (1917)

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- The National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party chooses **Xi Jinping** (*pictured*) as **General Secretary** for a third term.
- Amid **a government crisis** in the United Kingdom, Prime Minister **Liz Truss** announces her resignation.
- **Ulf Kristersson** is elected **Prime Minister of Sweden** following a four-party agreement.
- **Hurricane Julia** leaves more than 90 people dead across **South** and **Central America**.



Xi Jinping

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On this day

October 24: Labour Day in New Zealand (2022)

- **1789** – The **Brabant Revolution**, sometimes considered to be the first expression of **Belgian nationalism**, began with the invasion of the **Austrian Netherlands** by an *émigré* army from the **Dutch Republic**.
- **1851** – **William Lassell** found **Umbriel** and **Ariel**, the third and fourth **Uranian moons** to be discovered.
- **1944** – **World War II**: The Japanese battleship ***Musashi***, one of the heaviest and most powerfully armed ever constructed, was sunk by American aircraft during the **Battle of Leyte Gulf**.
- **1949** – The cornerstone of the **United Nations headquarters** was laid in New York City.
- **2015** – **Lam Wing-kee** (*pictured*), the owner of **Causeway Bay Books** in Hong Kong, known for publishing **political books banned in mainland China**, was **abducted by Chinese authorities**.



Lam Wing-kee

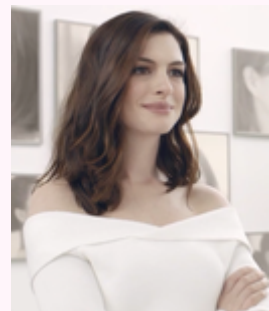
Kanae Yamamoto (b. 1882) · **Pin Malakul** (b. 1903) · **Yasumi Matsuno** (b. 1965)

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From today's featured list

American actress **Anne Hathaway** has won **40 awards from 101 nominations**. Her film debut came with the leading role of **Mia Thermopolis** in the **Disney** comedy ***The Princess Diaries*** (2001), for which she was nominated for an **MTV Movie Award for Best Breakthrough Performance**. In 2008, Hathaway played a recovering drug addict in ***Rachel Getting Married***, for which she received nominations for an **Academy Award** and a **Golden Globe Award** for Best Actress. For playing **Fantine**, a prostitute dying of **tuberculosis**, in ***Les Misérables*** (2012), she won several awards, including an **Academy Award**, a **Golden Globe** and a **BAFTA Award** for Best Supporting Actress. Hathaway played a **NASA** scientist in the science fiction film ***Interstellar*** (2014), for which she was nominated for a **Saturn Award for Best Actress**. (**[Full list...](#)**)



Anne Hathaway

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The **sociable weaver** (*Philetairus socius*) is a species of bird in the weaver family, [Ploceidae](#), [endemic](#) to southern Africa. It is the only species in the [monotypic](#) genus *Philetairus*. The bird is found in South Africa, Namibia, and Botswana, with its range centred within the South African province of [Northern Cape](#). They build large compound community nests, which are amongst the largest built by any avian species and capable of housing more than a hundred pairs of birds. This sociable weaver was photographed perching on a branch in [Tswalu Kalahari Reserve](#), South Africa.

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