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Artist's visualization of Sedna

Sedna is a trans-Neptunian object with the minor-planet number 90377. It was discovered on November 14, 2003, by the astronomers Michael Brown, Chad Trujillo, and David Rabinowitz. As of 2023, Sedna is 84 astronomical units (AU) from the Sun, which is almost three times the distance between Neptune and the Sun. Sedna's orbit is an ellipse and its aphelion is approximately 937 AU (140 billion km). For most of its orbital period, Sedna is farther from the Sun than any known dwarf planet candidate of its size. Sedna is one of the reddest objects in the Solar System. It is mostly composed of frozen water, methane, and nitrogen with tholins. It may have formed within the same open cluster where the Sun was born as some

astronomers suggest that Sedna is a celestial body captured by the Sun from another star system. Brown considers Sedna to be the most important trans-Neptunian object ever discovered, because its unusual orbit may yield information about the origin and early evolution of the Solar System. (Full article...)

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- 1960 Ruby Bridges and the McDonogh Three became the first black children to attend an all-white elementary school in Louisiana as part of the New Orleans school desegregation crisis.



Great Comet of 1680 over Rotterdam

- 1991 Croatian War of Independence: Croatian naval commandos attacked the Yugoslav patrol boat *Mukos*, starting the Battle of the Dalmatian Channels.
- 2015 A train derailed in Eckwersheim, France, while performing trials on the high-speed rail line LGV Est.

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