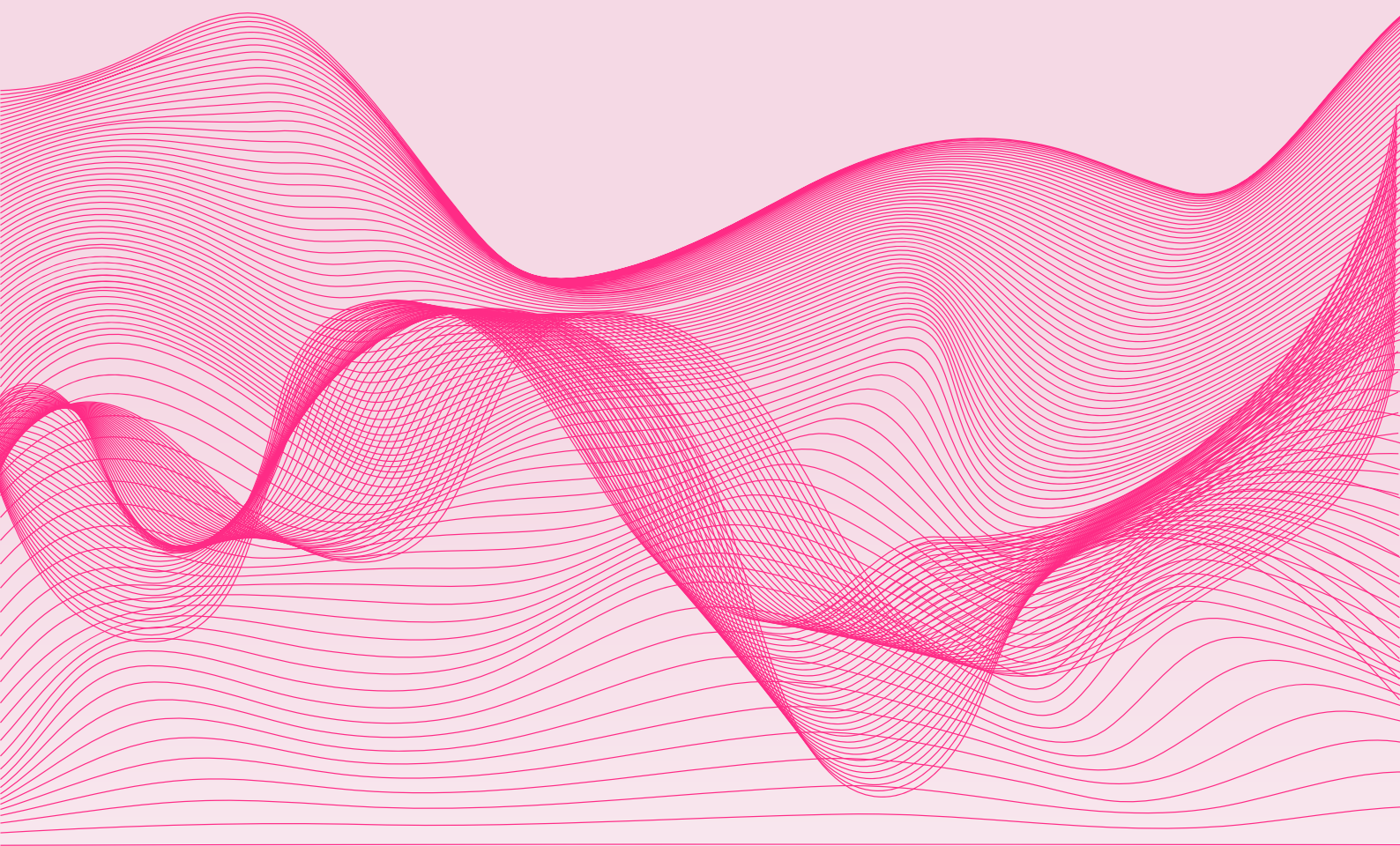


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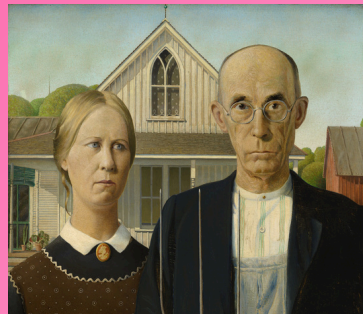
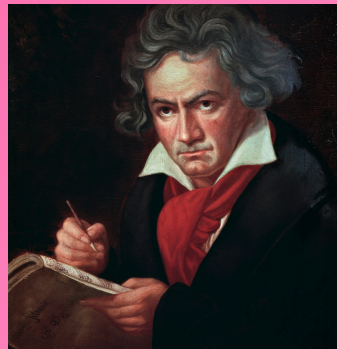
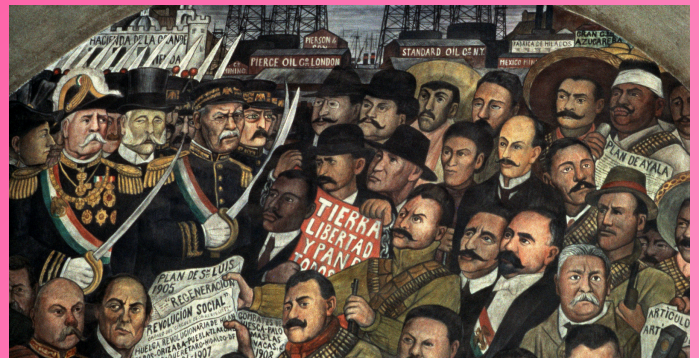


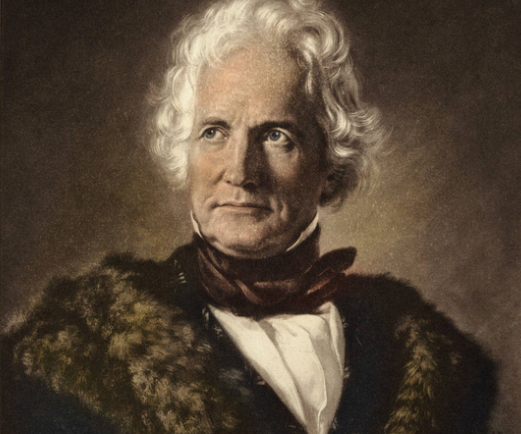
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2 JANUARY

250 years since the birth of Christian Daniel Rauch (1777–1857), renowned German sculptor and a key figure of 19th-century Neoclassicism.

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6 JANUARY

150 years since the death of Louis Braille (1809-1852), French educator and inventor. He was best known for creating the braille system, which revolutionised reading and writing for visually impaired people worldwide.

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8 JANUARY

80 years since the birth of David Bowie (1947–2016), British pop and rock singer, songwriter, and actor. Bowie is recognised as one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century globally.

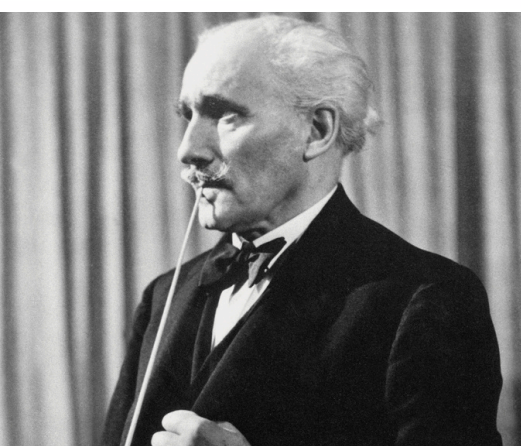
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9 JANUARY

125 years since the birth of Saint Josemaría Escrivá (1902–1975), Spanish priest, most well known for the founding of Opus Dei.

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16 JANUARY

70 years since the death of Arturo Toscanini (1867–1957), one of the most acclaimed Italian conductors, celebrated for his intensity, precision, and influential interpretations.

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20 JANUARY

50 years since Jimmy Carter was inaugurated as the 39th President of the United States. Carter's administration focused on human rights amid a challenging political climate, later earning him the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize.

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25 JANUARY

80 years since the death of Al Capone (1899–1947), an American gangster and Chicago mob boss. Capone was most powerful during the US' Prohibition era, however he was later imprisoned at Alcatraz.

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25 JANUARY

512 years since the coronation of François I as King of France in 1515. His reign led to the French Renaissance, characterised by changes in French culture and lasting contributions to art, and architecture.

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6 FEBRUARY

75 years since the death of King George VI (1895–1952), when Elizabeth II ascended the throne, beginning the longest reign in British history and a defining era for the modern monarchy.

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12 FEBRUARY

80 years since French fashion designer Christian Dior launched the 'New Look' in 1947, which revolutionised post-war fashion and cemented France's status as a global Fashion hub.

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12 FEBRUARY

85 years since the death of Grant Wood (1891–1942), American painter best known for American Gothic. This 1930 oil painting is considered an iconic depiction of Midwestern rural life and a landmark of American Regionalism.

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18 FEBRUARY

60 years since the death of J. Robert Oppenheimer (1904–1967). He was most well known as an American theoretical physicist and “father of the atomic bomb.”

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27 FEBRUARY

125 years since the birth of John Steinbeck (1902–1968), American novelist best known for The Grapes of Wrath. His works captured social hardship, later earning him the 1962 Nobel Prize in Literature.

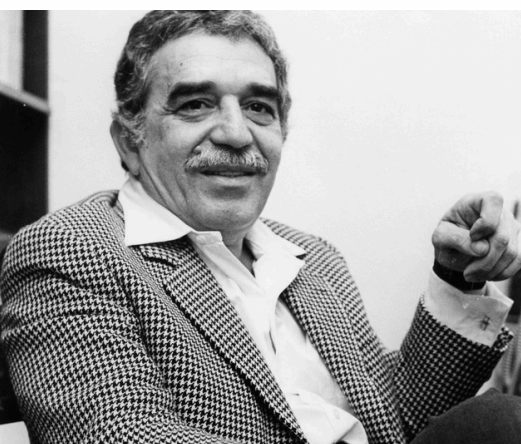
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1 MARCH

100 years since the birth of Harry Belafonte (1927–2023), American singer, actor and activist. Belafonte was a key figure in popularising calypso music and within the civil

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6 MARCH

100 years since the birth of Gabriel García Márquez (1927–2014), Colombian novelist and one of the 20th century’s most famous writers. Author of One Hundred Years of Solitude, he won the 1982 Nobel Prize in Literature.

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6 MARCH

75 years since the death of Pierre Renoir (1885–1952), French stage and film actor. Son of painter Pierre-Auguste Renoir and brother of director Jean Renoir, he had a distinguished acting career in theatre and cinema.

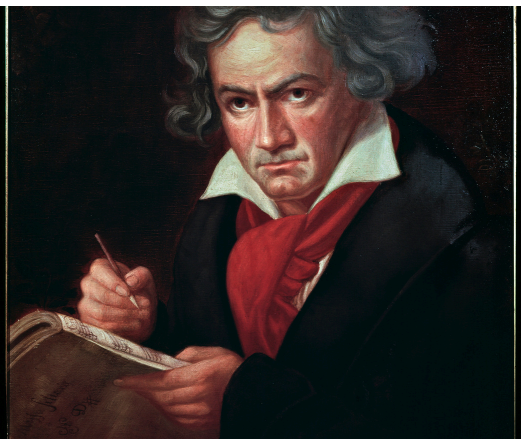
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20 MARCH

50 years since Jacques Chirac became the first mayor of Paris since 1871. Chirac's leadership resulted in a major shift in the city's governance; he later became President of France in 1995.

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26 MARCH

200 years since the death of Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827), German composer and pianist. A pivotal figure in Western classical music, he transformed symphonic, chamber, and piano music with his innovative compositions.

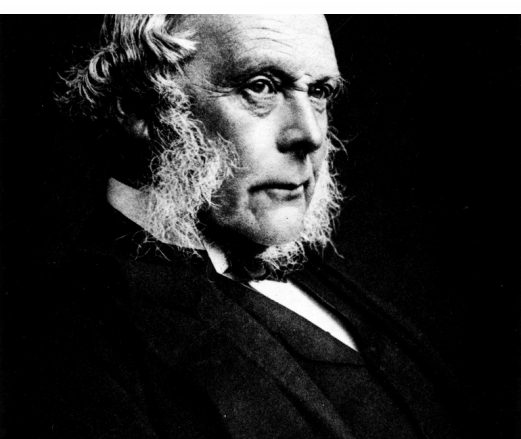
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31 MARCH

300 years since the death of Sir Isaac Newton (1643–1727), English mathematician, physicist, and astronomer. Renowned for formulating the laws of motion and universal gravitation, he laid the foundations of classical physics.

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5 APRIL

200 years since the birth of Joseph Lister (1827–1912), a British surgeon who pioneered antiseptic surgery. Lister's findings transformed surgical practice by introducing new ways to prevent infection.

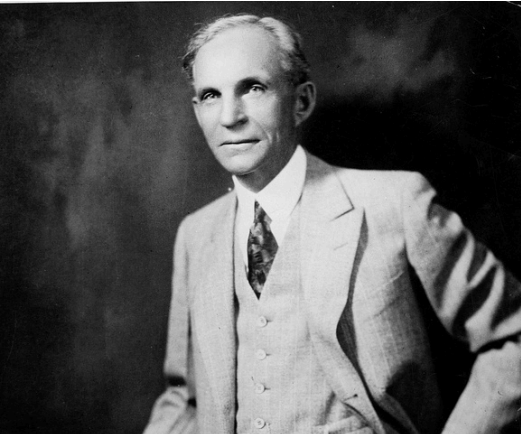
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5 APRIL

501 years since the birth of Giuseppe Arcimboldo (1526–1593), the Italian painter best known for his imaginative portraits composed of fruits, vegetables, and objects. His distinctive style continues to fascinate and influence artists today.

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7 APRIL

80 years since the death of Henry Ford (1863–1947), founder of Ford Motor Company. Ford made transport accessible to the wider public and Ford continues to be one of the most famous companies.

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9 APRIL

160 years since the death of Charles Baudelaire (1821–1867), French poet and critic. Renowned for *Les Fleurs du mal*, he influenced modern poetry with his writing on the complexities of urban life.

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11 APRIL

40 years since the death of Primo Levi (1919–1987), Italian chemist and writer. Best known for 'If This Is a Man', his memoir recounting survival during his imprisonment at Auschwitz.

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16 APRIL

100 years since the birth of Pope Benedict XVI (1927–2022), the leader of the Catholic Church from 2005 to 2013. Pope Benedict was most well-known for his conservative theology and historic resignation from the papacy.

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30 APRIL

250 years since the birth of Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777–1855), German mathematician and physicist. Gauss made contributions across mathematics, astronomy and physics.

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14 MAY

300 years since the birth of Thomas Gainsborough (1727–1788), English painter renowned for his elegant portraits and landscapes. A leading figure of 18th-century British art, his works remain celebrated for their grace and sophistication.

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21 JUNE

500 years since the death of Niccolò Machiavelli (1469–1527), Italian political philosopher and writer. Best known for *The Prince*, his works explored power, statecraft, and political realism, leaving a lasting influence on political theory.

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28 JUNE

450 years since the birth of Peter Paul Rubens (1577–1640), Flemish Baroque painter. Celebrated for his dynamic compositions, vibrant color, and monumental works, he became one of the most influential artists of the 17th century.

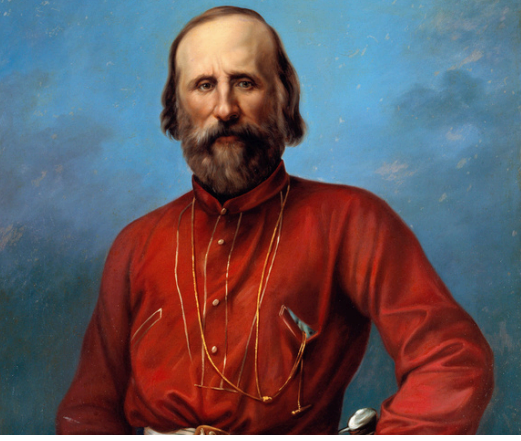
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3 JUNE

150 years since the birth of Raoul Dufy (1877–1953), French Fauvist painter. Known for his colorful, decorative style, he captured lively scenes of leisure, landscapes, and events, leaving a lasting impact on modern art.

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4 JULY

220 years since the birth of Giuseppe Garibaldi (1807–1882), Italian general, nationalist, and revolutionary. A key figure in the unification of Italy, he is celebrated for his military leadership and dedication to Italian independence.

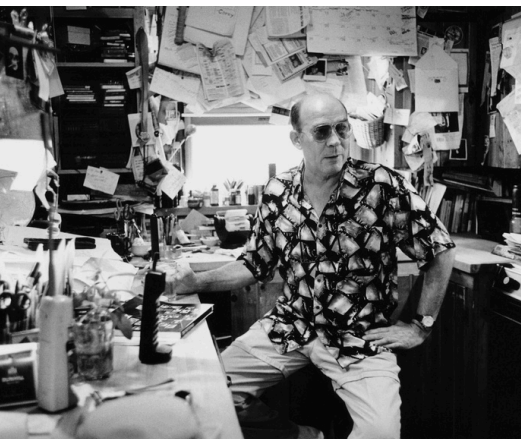
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17 JULY

60 years since the death of John Coltrane (1926–1967), American jazz saxophonist, and composer. Renowned for his innovative improvisation and profound influence on modern jazz, he remains a towering figure in music history.

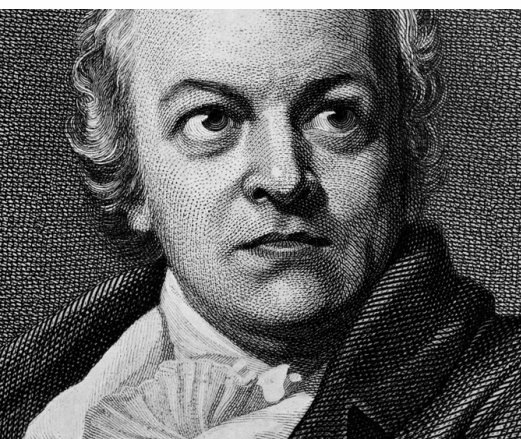
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18 JULY

90 years since the birth of Hunter S. Thompson (1937–2005), American journalist and writer. Creator of Gonzo journalism, he revolutionized reporting by immersing himself in the story and becoming a central figure in his work.

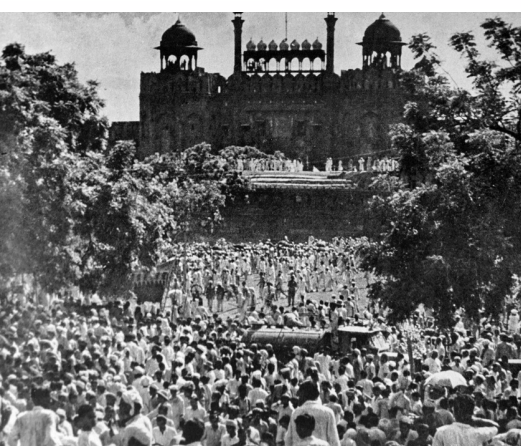
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12 AUGUST

200 years since the death of William Blake (1757–1827), English poet, painter, and printmaker. Known for his visionary works and illuminated poetry, he profoundly influenced literature, art, and the Romantic movement.

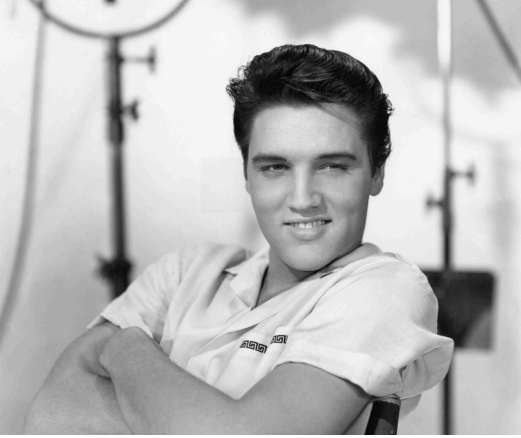
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15 AUGUST

80 years since India gained independence in 1947, ending British colonial rule. The subcontinent was partitioned into India and Pakistan, a historic moment that reshaped the region's political and social landscape.

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16 AUGUST

50 years since the death of Elvis Presley (1935–1977), American rock and roll singer, guitarist, and actor. Dubbed “The King,” he transformed popular music and remains an enduring cultural icon worldwide.

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25 AUGUST

800 years since the death of Genghis Khan (c. 1162–1227), founder and first emperor of the Mongol Empire. His conquests created the largest contiguous empire in history, reshaping Eurasian politics and culture.

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16 SEPTEMBER

50 years since the death of Maria Callas (1923–1977), Greek soprano and one of the most celebrated opera singers of the 20th century. Renowned for her dramatic interpretations and exceptional vocal technique.

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21 SEPTEMBER

90 years since the publication of J. R. R. Tolkien’s *The Hobbit* (1937), a landmark fantasy novel that introduced Middle-earth and captivated generations with its adventure, imagination, and enduring literary influence.

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29 SEPTEMBER

125 years since the death of Émile Zola (1840–1902), French novelist, journalist, and playwright. A leading naturalist, he is also famed for his *J’Accuse* column, defending Alfred Dreyfus and championing justice and truth.

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14 OCTOBER

100 years since the birth of Roger Moore (1927–2017), British actor best known as Simon Templar in *The Saint* and for portraying James Bond in seven films, becoming an enduring icon of cinema and television.

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17 OCTOBER

70 years since French writer Albert Camus (1913–1960) was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1957, recognized for his influential works exploring existentialism, humanism, and the moral questions of modern life.

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28 OCTOBER

40 years since the death of André Masson (1896–1987), French Surrealist artist. Known for his automatic drawings, paintings, and experiments with abstraction, he played a key role in the Surrealist movement.

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5 NOVEMBER

50 years since the death of René Goscinny (1926–1977), French comic book writer. Best known for co-creating *Astérix* with illustrator Albert Uderzo, his work remains beloved worldwide for its humor and cultural satire.

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24 NOVEMBER

70 years since the death of Diego Rivera (1886–1957), Mexican Cubist and Post-Impressionist artist. Renowned for his monumental murals and frescos, he played a central role in Mexican art and was the husband of Frida Kahlo.

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2 DECEMBER

175 years since Napoleon III became Emperor of the French (1852–1870), the last French monarch. Previously President of France (1848–1852), he remains a key figure in 19th-century French history.

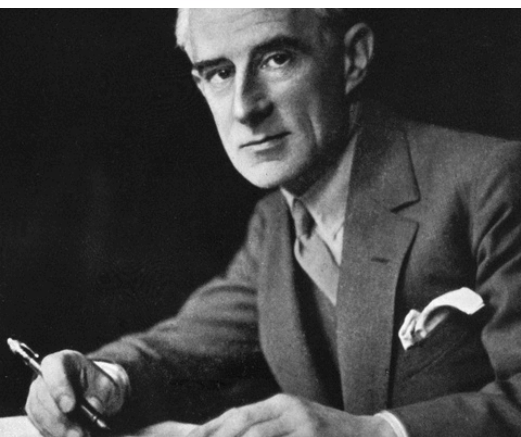
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25 DECEMBER

50 years since the death of Charlie Chaplin (1889–1977), British comedy actor, director, writer, and composer. A pioneering figure in cinema, he is celebrated worldwide for his iconic performances and enduring influence on film.

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28 DECEMBER

90 years since the death of Maurice Ravel (1875–1937), French composer. Renowned for Boléro and his innovative orchestration, he remains a central figure in 20th-century classical music.

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31 DECEMBER

150 years since the death of Gustave Courbet (1819–1877), French painter and leader of the Realist movement. Known for his bold, unidealized depictions of everyday life, he challenged traditional artistic conventions of his time.

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