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### TODAY'S FEATURED ARTICLE



[Cloud Gate](#), a [public](#) sculpture by Indian-born British artist [Anish Kapoor](#), is the centerpiece of the [AT&T Plaza](#) in [Millennium Park](#) within the [Loop community area](#) of [Chicago, Illinois](#). The sculpture and AT&T Plaza are located on top of Park Grill, between the [Chase Promenade](#) and [McCormick Tribune Plaza & Ice Rink](#). Constructed between

2004 and 2006, the sculpture is nicknamed "The Bean" because of its [legume](#)-like shape. Made up of 168 [stainless steel](#) plates welded together, its highly polished exterior has no visible seams. It is 33 feet by 66 feet by 42 feet (10 [m](#) × 20 [m](#) × 13 [m](#)), and weighs 110 [short tons](#) (99.8 [t](#); 98.2 [long tons](#)). Kapoor's design was inspired by liquid [mercury](#) and the sculpture's surface reflects and distorts the city's skyline. Visitors are able to walk around and under *Cloud Gate*'s 12-foot (3.7 [m](#)) high arch. On the underside is the [omphalos](#), a concave chamber that warps and multiplies reflections. The sculpture builds upon many of Kapoor's artistic [themes](#), although many tourists simply view the sculpture and its unique reflective properties as a photo-taking opportunity. ([more...](#))

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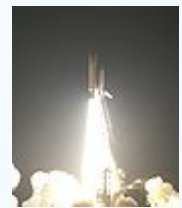
From Wikipedia's [newest articles](#):

- ... that the [World War II](#) bombing of [Canterbury](#) on 1 June 1942 revealed a [mosaic](#) pavement (*pictured*) which is now a [scheduled monument](#), sheltered by the [Roman Museum](#)?



### IN THE NEWS

- [NASA](#) launches the [Space Shuttle Endeavour](#) (*pictured*) on a [mission](#) carrying the [Tranquility](#) and [Cupola](#) modules to the [International Space Station](#).
- [Laura Chinchilla](#) of the [centre-left National Liberation Party](#) is [elected](#) the first female [President](#) of [Costa Rica](#).
- In [American football](#), the [New Orleans Saints](#) defeat the [Indianapolis Colts](#) in [Super Bowl XLIV](#) to win the [National Football League Championship](#) for the first time in the team's 43-year history.
- A [blizzard](#) strikes the [Eastern United States](#), producing 2–3 feet (60–90 [cm](#)) of snow in [Philadelphia](#) and [Washington, D.C.](#)
- In [sumo](#), the controversial [Mongolian yokozuna Asashōryū Akinori](#) announces his retirement.
- The [Iranian Space Agency](#) announces that it launched a rocket with [living animals on board](#) and returned them to Earth unharmed.



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### ON THIS DAY...

#### February 9

- [474](#) – As the seven-year old [Leo II](#) was deemed too young to rule, his father [Zeno](#) was crowned as the co-emperor of the [Byzantine Empire](#).
- [1825](#) – After no presidential candidate received a majority of [electoral votes](#), the [United States House of](#)



- ... that [The Land of Green Plums](#) by Nobel Prize winner [Herta Müller](#), depicting life in a totalitarian state, became a favorite of [Iranian](#) activist [Mohammad-Ali Abtahi](#) soon after he was released from jail?
- ... that during the [German invasion of Norway](#), Minister of Justice [Terje Wold](#) told Police Chief of [Oslo](#) [Kristian Welhaven](#) to arrest fascist leader [Vidkun Quisling](#) if he got the opportunity?
- ... that [Cystoderma carcharias](#) is considered an inedible [fungus](#) because of an unpleasant odor attributable to the presence of [geosmin](#)?
- ... that the career of pianist [Lincoln Mayorga](#) has ranged from [hit rock and roll](#) instrumentals to [Gershwin](#) recitals in [Moscow](#), by way of [Lumpy Gravy](#) and [Pete's Dragon](#)?
- ... that [tympanosclerosis](#) is a disease caused by the [calcification](#) of tissues in the middle ear, sometimes resulting in [hearing loss](#)?
- ... that the town of [Lille, Alberta](#), was named as such because its coal mine's financial backers resided in [Lille, France](#)?
- ... that [Warrington Colescott](#) created the etching *Christmas with Ziggy* (1964), a social satire of businessmen entertaining their mistresses at a posh London restaurant?
- ... that *GameDaily* named *Uncharted* character [Elena Fisher](#) the 49th hottest video game babe of all time?  
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[Representatives elected](#) [John Quincy Adams](#) [President of the United States](#).

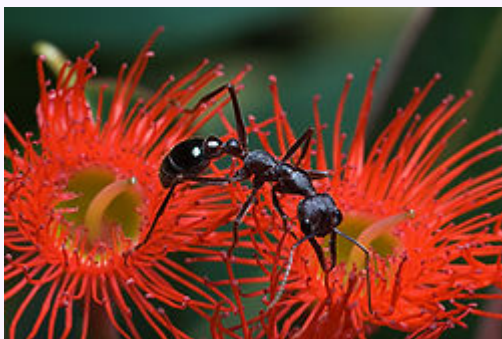
- [1895](#) – [William G. Morgan](#), a [YMCA](#) physical education director in [Holyoke, Massachusetts, US](#), invented a game called [Mintonette](#), which evolved into [volleyball](#) ([pictured](#)).
- [1920](#) – The [Spitsbergen Treaty](#) was signed, recognizing [Norwegian](#) sovereignty over the [Arctic](#) archipelago of [Svalbard](#), but all signatories were also given equal rights to engage in commercial activities on the islands.
- [1943](#) – [World War II](#): [Allied](#) forces declared [Guadalcanal](#) secure, ending the [Guadalcanal Campaign](#) as a significant strategic victory for Allied forces fighting [Japan](#) in the [Pacific War](#).

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The [inchman](#) (*Myrmecia forficata*) is a species of [bulldog ant](#) that is native to southeastern [Australia](#) and [Tasmania](#), so named because of its size (growing up to nearly 1 in/25 mm in length). The inchman is a [carnivore](#) and a [scavenger](#). They sting their victims with [venom](#), which is among the most powerful in the [insect](#) world.

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