

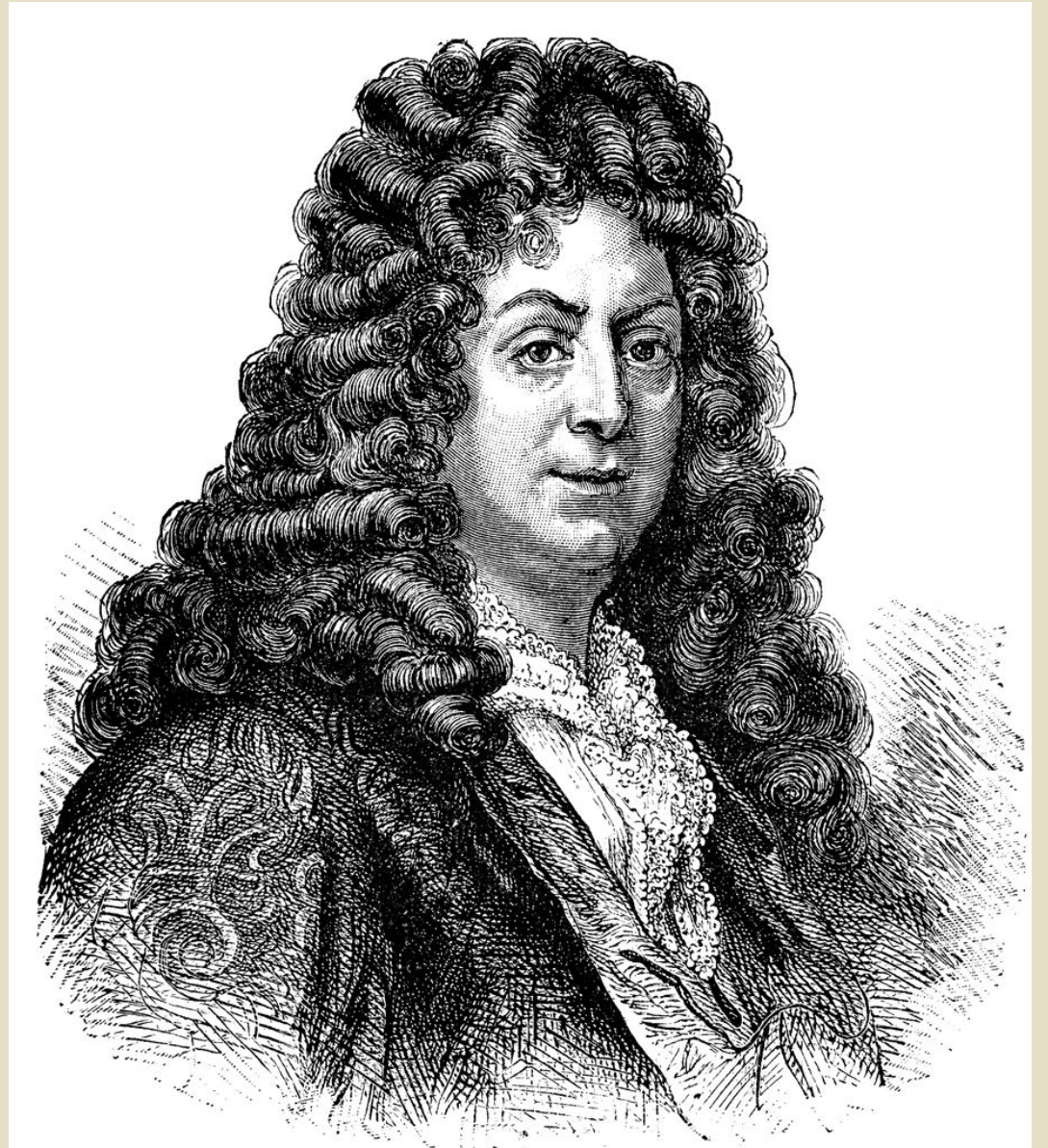


DECEMBER 21
in the history

**There are 10 days remaining until the end of
the year**



1639. Jean Racine, a French dramatist, one of the three great playwrights of 17th-century France was born



1878. Joseph Stalin, the leader of the Soviet Union, was born under the official version



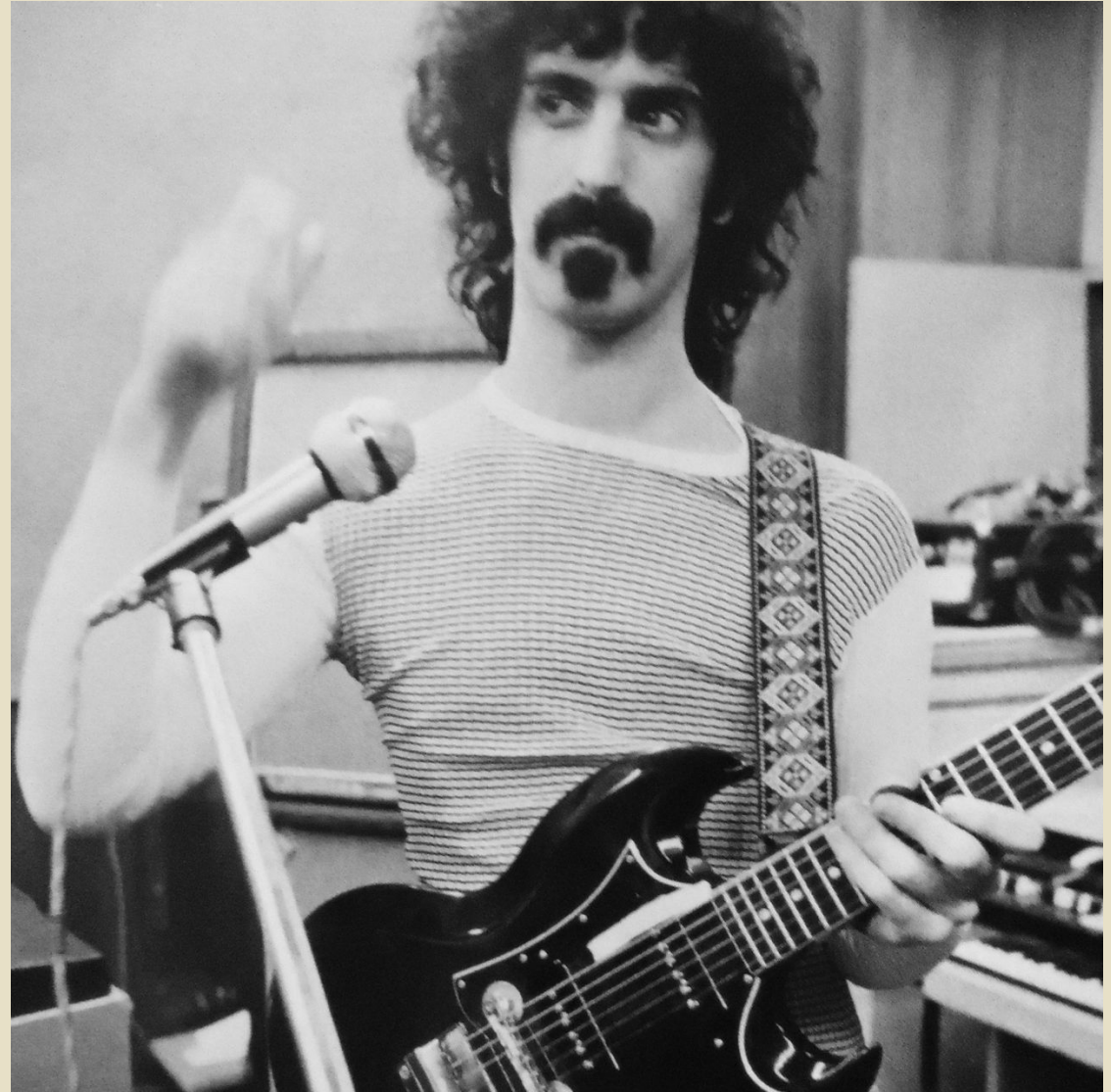
**1917. Heinrich Böll, a German
writer, Nobel Prize laureate was
born**



1937. Jane Fonda, American actress, producer, and activist was born



1940. Frank Zappa, American singer-songwriter, guitarist, an influential figure in rock music was born



**1948. Samuel L. Jackson, an
American actor was born**



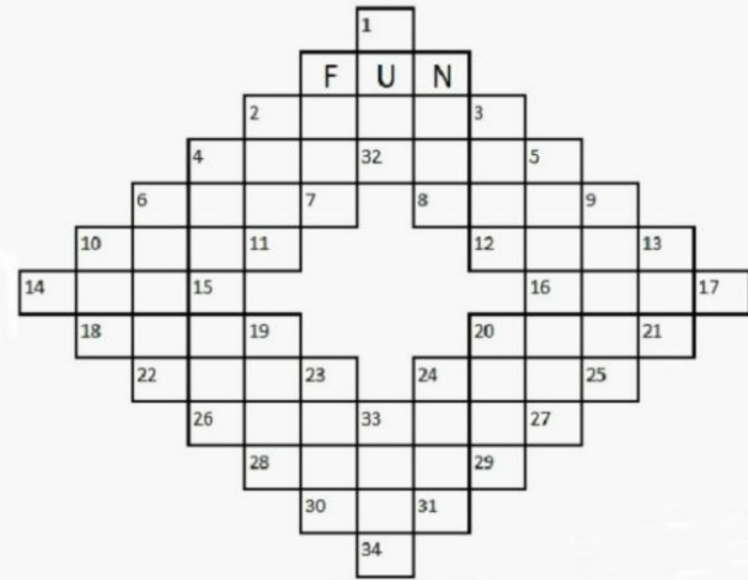
1620. The "Mayflower",
and its passengers,
pilgrims from England,
landed at Plymouth Rock



1898. Scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discovered the radioactive element radium



1913. Arthur Wynne published a new "word-cross" puzzle in the "New York World" in England. The name was later changed to "crossword"



Fill in the small squares with words which agree with the following definitions

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| 2-3. What bargain hunters enjoy. | 6-22. What we all should be. |
| 4-5. A written acknowledgment. | 4-26. A day dream. |
| 6-7. Such and nothing more. | 2-11. A talon. |
| 10-11. A bird. | 19-28. A pigeon. |
| 14-15. Opposed to less. | F-7. Part of your head. |
| 18-19. What this puzzle is. | 23-30. A river in Russia. |
| 22-23. An animal of prey. | 1-32. To govern. |
| 26-27. The close of a day. | 33-34. An aromatic plant. |
| 28-29. To elude. | N-8. A fist. |
| 30-31. The plural of is. | 24-31. To agree with. |
| 8-9. To cultivate. | 3-12. Part of a ship. |
| 12-13. A bar of wood or iron. | 20-29. One. |
| 16-17. What artists learn to do. | 5-27. Exchanging. |
| 20-21. Fastened. | 9-25. To sink in mud. |
| 24-25. Found on the seashore. | 13-21. A boy. |
| 10-18. The fibre of the gomuti palm. | |

1925. Eisenstein's film
"Battleship Potemkin" was
first shown in Moscow



1968. *Apollo 8* was launched on a mission to orbit the moon. The craft landed safely in the Pacific Ocean on December 27

