



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

On This Date

1946 – The Royal Navy launched the HMS Dreadnought, the first modern battleship with fast steam turbine engines and large guns. The launch sparked a naval arms race.

1946 – Gangster “Lucky” Luciano was deported to Italy, capping a deal that commuted his prison sentence in return for Navy/Mafia collaboration during WWII.

1949 – The Arthur Miller play *Death of a Salesman*, starring Lee J. Cobb and Arthur Kennedy, made its Broadway debut.

2009 – For the first time, a hypervelocity collision occurred between two satellites (Cosmos 2251 and Iridium 33). The impact speed was about 26,000 mph.

Trivia for the Birds

A hummingbird weighs less than a nickel. Hummingbirds flap their wings between 50 and 70 times a second. It is the only bird that can fly backward.



Quote of the Day

“Be kind to people on the way up—you’ll meet them again on your way down.”

~ *Jimmy Durante*

Happy Birthday!

Jimmy Durante (1893–1980) was a singer, pianist, comedian, and actor. Born to Italian immigrants in the Lower East Side of New York City, he dropped out of school in the seventh grade to become a full-time ragtime pianist. Durante’s gravelly delivery, jazz-influenced songs, and large nose (nicknamed “Schnozzola”) helped make him one of America’s most familiar and popular personalities from the 1920s through the 1960s. In 1934, he composed “Inka Dinka Doo,” which became his theme song for the remainder of his career.





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Today is All the News That's Fit to Print Day. On this day in 1897, the *New York Times* newspaper first used the slogan "All the news that's fit to print." The phrase was first featured on the editorial page but was later moved to the front page.

Silver Memories

On this day 25 years ago, the IBM computer Deep Blue became the first machine to win a chess game against a human, World Champion Garry Kasparov. The opponents played six games under tournament conditions. The match drew an audience of chess players and computer scientists, but its man-versus-machine storyline also made popular headlines. No one was more shocked than Kasparov at his initial defeat after just 37 moves, but the champion would eventually go on to defeat Deep Blue with an overall score of 4–2.

Word Scramble

U T L V A

An underground
storage chamber

ANSWER: VAULT

Think-tionary

meraki

A. Perform with more than effort,
but with love, soul, and creativity

or

B. To become incapacitated by a
lack of certainty

ANSWER: A. My grandmother did not just
cook, but cooked with *meraki*.

Toys of Yesteryear



E. Joseph Cossman brought the "spud gun" to the masses. The toymaker who created the gun manufactured 100,000 but only sold 10,000. Cossman bought the remainder and soon learned, to his delight, that the United States was in the middle of a potato glut. He ordered five tons of potatoes to be dumped on his New York City sidewalk, a media stunt that helped him sell two million of the toys.