

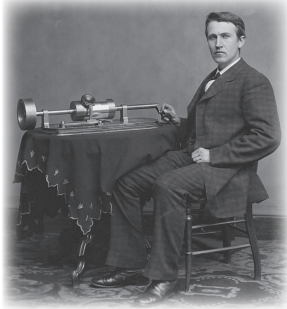


THE DAILY CHRONICLE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021

On This Date

1878 – Thomas Edison patented a music player (phonograph) at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey. His first recording was made when



he recited “Mary Had a Little Lamb” into a horn, which transmitted vibrations to a needle that scribed a recording on a cylinder rotated by hand.

1942 – In two raids, 242 Japanese aircraft attacked the Australian city of Darwin, inflicting heavy losses on Allied forces. The assault was both the first and the largest attack mounted by Japan against Australia.

1984 – Gaétan Boucher from Charlesbourg, Quebec, won two gold medals (1000-meter and 1500-meter) and a bronze medal in speed skating at the Winter Olympic Games in Sarajevo.

Daily Trivia

In 19th-century Britain, opium for babies was marketed under the name “Quietness.”

Quote of the Day

“If you can’t change your fate, change your attitude.”

~ Amy Tan

Happy Birthday!

Amy Tan, born in 1952, is an American writer best known for her phenomenally successful 1989 novel *The Joy Luck Club*, which was made into a hit movie in 1993. Tan, the daughter of Chinese immigrants, grew up in Oakland, California. Some of her other books include *The Kitchen God’s Wife*, *The Bonesetter’s Daughter*, and *The Valley of Amazement*. In 2017, she published *Where the Past Begins: A Writer’s Memoir*. She has also written two children’s books, including *Sagwa, the Chinese Siamese Cat*, which became an animated TV show on PBS.





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Today is Lashes Day, a day to appreciate eyelashes. In 1902, British hairdresser Karl Nessler created the first artificial eyelashes. Long before Nessler, men of ancient Egypt darkened their lashes to shield their eyes from the sun.

Picture of the Day



You don't want to pet my kitty. She has a tendency to lash out.

Now it's your turn to come up with a good caption.

Word to the Wise

The dictionary has added the phrase *built-in obsolescence*, which means "the practice where a product is deliberately intended to become non-functional, obsolete, or undesirable after a limited lifespan." Anyone who owns an iPhone should have seen this word coming.

Who Am I?

At age 15, I was already driving and taking care of my father's car. After graduating from high school, I joined the Army Air Corps and became a pilot. At age 29, I began racing cars, and in 1956 and '57, I was declared *Sports Illustrated's* Driver of the Year. I retired from driving in 1960 for health reasons and then opened a high-performance driving school and began designing my own cars. My name would become synonymous with sports cars like the Cobra and Mustang. Who am I?

ANSWER: Carroll Shelby

Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

cheetah ostrich

emu hyena

ANSWER: Emus are found only in Australia; the other animals are unique to Africa.