



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021

## On This Date

**1811** – The original Siamese twins, Chang and Eng, were born in Siam (now Thailand).

**1943** – American troops invaded Attu Island in the Aleutian Islands and, several weeks later, defeated occupying Japanese forces. The island was the site of the only World War II land battle fought on an incorporated territory of the United States.

**1949** – Siam, in southeast Asia, changed its name to Thailand. It is the only country in Southeast Asia that was never colonized by a European country. Thailand is a constitutional monarchy.

## Did You Know?

The 1956 musical *The King and I*, starring Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr, is banned in Thailand. Thai authorities believe that *The King and I* presents the Siamese monarch as a fool and denigrates Thai culture as inferior to the West.

## Quote of the Day

“Nobody cares if you can’t dance well. Just get up and dance. Great dancers are great because of their passion.”

~ Martha Graham

## Happy Birthday!

**Martha Graham** (1894–1991) was a renowned modern dancer and choreographer whose influential dance style is called “Graham Technique.” In 1936, she made her defining work, *Chronicle*, which marked a new era in contemporary dance. Once, when she got into trouble as a child, her father asked her what she had done, and Graham lied to him. He read her body language, knew she was lying to him, and told her, “Movement never lies.” This phrase would become a catechism the iconic dancer would remember and repeat throughout her life.





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**Today is** Hostess CupCake Day. On this date in 1919, the first Hostess CupCakes were sold, two to a pack, for a nickel. They are considered the first commercially produced snack cakes, although rival Tastykake disputes the claim.

## Gadgets & Gizmos



Wickedbone is advertised as the first dog toy that will play with your pet. It's more than just a chew toy. The bone will move, spin, and make plenty of noise to keep your dog happy. Controlled by an app on a smartphone, owners can set it to play while they are away or even control it remotely.

### Buy a Vowel

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Engage in loud, drunken revels

ANSWER: CAROUSE

## Centennial Memories

On this day 100 years ago, it was widely reported that Charlie Chaplin had suffered horrible burns during an accident on the set of *The Idle Class*. Sources on the set claimed that Chaplin had tripped over a torch, which set fire to his clothing and resulted in serious injuries. The story was revealed as a hoax propagated by Chaplin's agent to drum up publicity. Yes, Chaplin had an incident with a blowtorch, but it was not serious. Chaplin attempted to clear up the story by issuing a clarifying statement, but few newspapers bothered to run the correction.

## High Five

Can you name the five NBA teams that have won the most championships?

ANSWER: 1. Boston Celtics, 17; 2. Los Angeles Lakers, 17; 3. Chicago Bulls, 6; 4. Golden State Warriors, 6; 5. San Antonio Spurs, 5