



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021

On This Date

1703 – Tsar Peter the Great founded the city of Saint Petersburg. The



seaport was the capital of the Russian Empire for more than 200 years and is considered Russia's cultural center.

1941 – Crippled by British aircraft, the state-of-the-art German battleship *Bismarck* was pursued and sunk by three British warships. Days earlier, the *Bismarck* had sunk the British battle cruiser HMS *Hood*, leaving only three survivors.

1999 – Julie Payette flew aboard the Space Shuttle *Discovery* to deliver supplies to the International Space Station. She was the first Canadian to board the space station.

2006 – At 5:53 a.m., a devastating earthquake hit Java, Indonesia, killing more than 6,000 people.

Daily Trivia

Rezin Bowie and his brother James share credit for the Bowie knife. However, it was the other brother, Jim Bowie, who popularized it.

Quote of the Day

“Destiny may ride with us today, but there is no reason for it to interfere with lunch.”

~ *Peter the Great*

Happy Birthday!

Lee Ann Meriwether, born in 1935, is an actress and model who was crowned Miss America in 1955. The stunning California girl parlayed



her beauty pageant wins (she was also declared Miss San Francisco and Miss California in 1954) into a successful acting career. She's

appeared on *The Today Show*, *The Lloyd Bridges Show*, *Dr. Kildare*, *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, and *The Time Tunnel*. Meriwether is best known for playing Betty Jones on the 1970s CBS detective series *Barnaby Jones*. She also had a role on the soap opera *All My Children*.



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Today is Cellophane Tape Day. In 1961, cellophane “Scotch” tape was perfected by 3M engineers so that it would not turn yellow or get sticky with adhesive. Moreover, it was “invisible” when applied, thanks to its transparency.

What Am I?

I was invented in China in the second century BC as a means of disguising monetary gifts. In Victorian England, I was a luxury item and used along with lace and ribbon to conceal gifts. But I did not become mainstream until 1917, when two brothers running a stationery store in Kansas City, Missouri, repurposed some “fancy French paper” meant for lining envelopes. The brothers, Joyce and Ronnie Hall, decided to create their own paper and sell it for the purpose of hiding gifts. Their store was called Hallmark. What am I?

ANSWER: Wrapping paper

Buy a Vowel

M _ _ S _

Hand-held pointing device
for computer

ANSWER: MOUSE

Golden Memories

On this day 50 years ago, Christie’s auctioned off the Deepdene diamond, a massive, fancy, golden-yellow diamond, for \$460,000. The sale would



turn scandalous, however, when it was discovered that the diamond had been artificially irradiated to deepen its vivid yellow color. Prior to the sale, two gemological certificates affirmed the color was natural. Gemologist Dr. Edward Gubelin, however, had voiced concerns that the diamond had been tampered with. Only after the sale were his suspicions confirmed and the contract was rendered null and void.

Name Three

Can you name three chocolate bars that begin with the letter *M*?

POSSIBLE ANSWERS: Mars Bar, Mounds, Mr. Goodbar, Milky Way