



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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**Today is** Independence Day in the United States, commemorating the day in 1776 when the Continental Congress formally stated its intention for freedom from Great Britain with the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

## Centennial Memories

On this day 100 years ago, researchers at the DuPont chemical company accidentally discovered a lacquer that they would call Duco. This chemical base could carry many pigments in suspension, allowing for cars to finally come in colors other than black. The Duco Finish revolutionized car coloring. The coating dried in mere minutes at room temperature. It was tough, durable, and looked great. In 1923, GM would introduce their Oakland Tourer in a Duco Finish shade of dark blue.



## Whatchamacallit?

What do you call a group of...hogs?

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| herd  | passel  |
| tribe | cluster |

ANSWER: PASSEL

## Think-tionary

*cabochon*

- A. A gem that has been shaped and polished but not cut and faceted

or

- B. The female matriarch of a herd of sheep in the absence of a ram

ANSWER: A. The jeweler specialized in creating teardrop cabochons.

## When Was It?

It was during this year that Alcatraz became a federal prison. The very first Masters golf tournament was played in Augusta, Georgia. Shirley Temple starred in her first movie, *Stand Up and Cheer!* The great Dust Bowl storms swept across the American prairies. The Academy Award was first called "Oscar" by Hollywood gossip columnist Sidney Skolsky, and John Dillinger was named Public Enemy Number One. When was it?

ANSWER: 1934