

A close-up photograph of a giant panda's head and shoulders. The panda is white with black patches around its eyes and on its ears. It is holding a piece of green bamboo in its mouth and appears to be eating it. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting bamboo foliage.

## Today in History

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▲ Two giant pandas arrived at Edinburgh Zoo after a nine-hour flight from China. The pair travelled to Britain on loan for at least 10 years

**1947:** Tennessee Williams's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, premiered on Broadway

**1993:** Rock star Frank Zappa died in Los Angeles

**2001:** The first bridge over the Mekong River opened in Cambodia, connecting the east and west of the country by road for the first time

**2011:** Socrates, legendary former football captain of Brazil, died in a Sao Paulo hospital aged 57