



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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## On This Date

**537 AD** – The Hagia Sophia, at the time the world’s largest building and a marvel of engineering, was inaugurated by Emperor Justinian I as an Eastern Orthodox cathedral. The Istanbul landmark is considered the epitome of Byzantine architecture.

**1932** – Radio City Music Hall, designed to bring world-class entertainment to everyday people, opened in New York City.

**1947** – Buffalo Bob Smith and his character Howdy Doody were telecast for the first time on the television program *Puppet Playhouse*, an appearance that led to the creation of *The Howdy Doody Show*.



## True or False?

*The Howdy Doody Show* was the first program on the NBC network to broadcast in color.

ANSWER: True. The show was also used to sell color television sets.

## Quote of the Day

“It’s the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter.”

~ *Marlene Dietrich*

## Happy Birthday!

**Marlene Dietrich** (1901–1992), as a young girl in Germany, hoped to become a professional violinist.



In her late teens, though, her interests turned to acting and she won roles in several films. She made German film history by starring in the country’s first talking picture. When the film was remade in English, with Dietrich playing Lola the nightclub dancer, she became a star in America, too. She became a U.S. citizen in 1939. Dietrich’s inscrutable style challenged traditional notions of femininity, yet she became one of Hollywood’s leading ladies during the 1930s and ’40s.