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On This Date

1538 – After declaring himself Supreme Head of the Church of England, King Henry VIII was excommunicated from the Catholic Church by Pope Paul III.

1903 – The first successful powered airplane flights took place near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. First Orville and then Wilbur Wright kept their invention flying in four separate flights that day before the plane was caught by the wind and rolled over, damaged beyond repair.



1989 – *The Simpsons* animated series debuted on Fox. The show is the longest-running sitcom in television history, winning 34 Emmy Awards.

Did You Know?

In 1935, a magazine article detailed Gustave Whitehead's achievement of powered flight almost two years before the Wright Brothers. The event has never been corroborated.

Quote of the Day

“It’s not whether you get knocked down; it’s whether you get back up.”

~ *Vince Lombardi*

Happy Birthday!

Eugene Levy, born in 1946, is a Canadian actor, comedian, director, and writer who grew up in Hamilton, Ontario. Levy got his start on *Second City Television*, a popular sketch comedy TV show that aired between 1976 and 1984 and launched the careers of many talented Canadian entertainers. He went on to star in numerous prominent films, including *Splash*, *Father of the Bride*, and *Waiting for Guffman*. More recently, the Emmy and Grammy Award-winner and his son, Dan Levy, co-created and co-starred in the hit sitcom *Schitt's Creek*.

