



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1865 – Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia.

1928 – Turkey passed a law separating church and state. The intention was to guarantee the equality of all its citizens regardless of differences of religion.

1967 – The Boeing 737 flew for the first time. The 737 series has carried well over 16.8 billion passengers, the equivalent of every person on Earth flying at least twice.



1973 – Paul McCartney first performed his song “My Love” with his band Wings. He wrote it for his wife Linda.

Nuttiness

Most nuts aren’t nuts. Peanuts are legumes. Almonds, cashews, and pistachios are seeds. Acorns, hazelnuts, and chestnuts are nuts.

Quote of the Day

“I once spent a year in Philadelphia; I think it was on a Sunday.”

~ *W. C. Fields*

Happy Birthday!

W. C. Fields (1880–1946) began his career in vaudeville as a silent juggler. When he added comedy to his routine, it was featured in the Ziegfeld Follies. Fields was also an actor. He was a hit playing a con man in the Broadway musical *Poppy*. His comedic persona was that of a hard-drinking cynic, loveable despite his flaws. Among his recognizable trademarks were his raspy drawl and grandiloquent vocabulary. He made over a dozen pictures. Humorist Leo Rosten said of Fields, “Any man who hates dogs and babies can’t be all bad.” Fields denied hatred of either species in later interviews.

