



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1957 – The Wham-O Company produced the first Frisbee. In the 1960s, the company came out with a \$119 do-it-yourself bomb shelter. In addition, the company introduced the Hula-Hoop, Slip 'N Slide, Super Ball, and Trac Ball.



1979 – The YMCA filed a copyright infringement suit against the Village People for its song “Y.M.C.A.” The suit was settled out of court, and the Association subsequently said that it celebrated the song’s positive message.

Movie Quiz

Q: What 1933 movie has the word *soup* in its title?

A: *Duck Soup*, starring the Marx Brothers. Filled with zany antics that the Marx Brothers did so well, the movie is famous for its hilarious, much-copied battle scene. Groucho plays the incompetent King of Freedonia, who wages war on a neighboring country.

Quote of the Day

“I can always remember the dances, even from shows I did 40 years ago.”

~ *Gwen Verdon*

Happy Birthday!

Gwen Verdon (1925–2000) was an acclaimed Broadway actress and dancer who won four Tony Awards for her work. The iconic redhead was an influential muse of legendary director-choreographer Bob Fosse, who was also her second husband. Verdon’s mother put her in ballet classes at age three to combat leg deformities caused by a case of rickets as a toddler. She more than overcame her physical challenges, becoming a celebrated dancer on stage and screen. Among her many accomplishments, Verdon originated the roles of Lola in *Damn Yankees* and Roxie Hart in *Chicago*.

