



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1935 – Jesse Owens broke two world sprint records, tied a third, and broke a long-jump world record.



1977 – *Star Wars*, directed by George Lucas, was released. The movie and media franchise quickly became a pop culture phenomenon.

1987 – New Brunswick jockey Hervé Filion became the first harness racing driver to win 10,000 races. He led Commander Bond to victory at the Yonkers Raceway.

Did You Know?

Seven days after the burial of Bill Robinson, friends and admirers formed the Copasetics, a social club of musicians and tap artists, to preserve his legacy. Today their work continues through the American Tap Dance Foundation.

Quote of the Day

“Everything’s copacetic.”

~ Bill “Bojangles” Robinson

Happy Birthday!

Bill “Bojangles” Robinson (1878–1949) was a pioneering African American tap dancer and actor.



Renowned for his intricate footwork and charismatic stage presence, he gained widespread acclaim for his collaborations with Shirley Temple in a series of successful films in the 1930s, including *The Little Colonel* and *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*, and for starring in *Stormy Weather* (1943) alongside Lena Horne and Cab Calloway. Robinson was also an advocate for civil rights and equality, paving the way for future generations of Black entertainers. In 1989, the U.S. Congress declared May 25 to be National Tap Dance Day in his honor.