



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

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.



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

Today is Unicorn Day. In 400 BC, the Greek historian Ctesias recorded the existence of a unicorn in India, writing that the creature had a white body, red head, blue eyes, and multi-colored horn rising from the crown of its head.

Garden Party

New Zealand’s seaside city of New Plymouth boasts the majestic Pukekura Park, which has been open since 1876. The place was once nothing but swampland, but it has since been converted into a fabulous botanical garden with two lakes, fanciful bridges, a waterfall, and tea house. The sprawling park also has a



cricket pitch, a horse racing course, an indoor basketball arena, and an outdoor concert amphitheater, the Bowl at Brooklands. What makes the place more spectacular are its clear views of Mt. Taranaki, a massive conical volcano often compared to Japan’s Mt. Fuji.

Riddle Me This

What word has kst in the middle, in the beginning, and at the end?

ANSWER: Inkstand, in-kst-and.

Where Am I?

I have pulled off the local parkway to enjoy the spectacular views from atop these cliffs rising over 500 feet from the water below. These canyon walls are so striking that Mercator included them on his original map of the New World in 1541. These dramatic cliffs were the setting of dramatic duels, including the duel between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton. From my vantage point, I can see a great gray bridge and the booming metropolis beyond. Soon I will go and continue my drive up the Hudson River Valley. Where am I?

ANSWER: Hudson River Palisades, New Jersey

Buy a Vowel

T _ _ T _ _ N

The fee paid for college

ANSWER: TUITION