

Friday, April 9

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** North Korean leader Kim Jong-il made his first major state appearance since suffering a suspected stroke in August 2008

1865: The American Civil War ended with the Confederate surrender

1970: Paul McCartney sought a High Court writ to wind up *The Beatles'* business partnership

1999: A military junta seized power in Niger after the assassination of president Ibrahim Bare

2007: Former U.S. athlete Tim Montgomery pleaded guilty to charges related to a \$5m bank fraud and money-laundering scheme