

Monday, June 9

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1946: King Bhumibol of Thailand, the world's longest-serving reigning monarch, acceded to the throne

1672: Peter I of Russia, who founded the city of St Petersburg, and was known as Peter the Great, was born

1815: Holland, Luxembourg and Belgium united to form the Netherlands

1991: Mount Pinatubo volcano in the Philippines erupted after having been dormant for 600 years

2007: *Rags to Riches* became only the third filly, and the first in 102 years, to win the Belmont Stakes, the final leg of the U.S. Triple Crown

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