Monday, June 23 ON THIS DAY

▲ 2006: Harriet, thought to be one of three giant tortoises collected by Charles Darwin on the Galapagos Islands in 1835, died in Australia aged around 175 years

1537: Spanish explorer Pedro de Mendoza, who founded the Argentinian city of Buenos Aires, died

1868: Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for the typewriter

1992: Mafia godfather John Gotti was sentenced to life in jail, triggering a near riot among his supporters who tried to storm the Brooklyn Federal Courthouse

2007: Torrential rains in Karachi, Pakistan, killed 230 people

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