

Thursday, June 26

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1904:** Actor Peter Lorre, whose films included *The Maltese Falcon* and *Casablanca*, was born as Lazlo Loewenstein in Austria-Hungary

1284: According to legend, the Pied Piper lured away 130 children from the German town of Hamelin

1896: The first cinema, seating 400, opened in New Orleans

1977: The East African state of Djibouti became independent after 117 years of French rule

2007: The CIA declassified secret documents detailing illegal activities, including a plot to assassinate Fidel Castro in the early 1960s

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