

Sunday, June 29

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1880: The Pacific island of Otaheite, now better known as Tahiti, was formally annexed by France**

1972: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the death penalty was contrary to the constitution

1993: Scientists drilling through the Greenland icecap extracted an ice core deposited 250,000 years ago

1999: Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by a Turkish court

2007: British police defused two car bombs in London's theatre district, just 48 hours after new Prime Minister Gordon Brown took power

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