

Friday, July 18

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1918:** Nelson Mandela, first fully democratically elected President of South Africa, was born. Hugely respected, today is his 90th birthday

1872: Benito Pablo Juarez, national hero of Mexico and three times its president, died

1955: The world's first theme park, Disneyland, opened to the public near Anaheim, California

1996: U.S. scientists reported that the Earth's inner core spins faster than the crust, like a planet within a planet

2007: UN inspectors confirmed the closure of the Yongbyon nuclear reactor in North Korea

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