

A portrait of Paul McCartney, a former Beatle, looking slightly to the left. He has dark, wavy hair and is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt.

Today in History

June 18, 1942

▲ **Paul McCartney, former Beatle and the world's most successful composer of popular music, was born in Liverpool, England. He is 70 today**

1812: The American Congress approved a declaration of war on Great Britain over trade restrictions

1928: Aviator Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly the Atlantic as a passenger

1983: Shuttle astronaut Sally Ride became America's first woman in space

1996: Benjamin Netanyahu was sworn in as Israel's youngest prime minister at the head of a right-wing coalition government