

A photograph of Steve Irwin, an Australian naturalist, smiling and holding a red balloon. A gorilla is perched on his shoulders, looking towards the camera. The background shows a green metal fence.

Today in History

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▲ **Ebullient Australian naturalist Steve Irwin, nicknamed “The crockodile hunter”, was killed by a stingray barb to the heart while filming on the Great Barrier Reef**

1907: Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg, best known for his "Peer Gynt Suite", died in Bergen

1964: The Forth Road Bridge in Scotland, Europe’s longest suspension bridge, opened

1966: Jack Brabham became the first motor-racing world champion in a car he built himself

1997: Hans Eysenck, German-British psychologist, best remembered for his work on intelligence and IQ, died