

A photograph of Oscar Pistorius in a courtroom. He is standing, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to his left. In the background, several people are seated, including a man with white hair and glasses and a woman with blonde hair. There are signs on the wall, one of which says "SAPD".

Today in History

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▲ The trial of athlete Oscar Pistorius began in South Africa. The Paralympic gold medallist was charged with shooting dead his girlfriend in February 2013

1875: The first performance of Bizet's opera Carmen took place in Paris

1985: Britain's miners voted to return to work after a year-long strike, widely seen as an act of defiance against Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

1990: Venezuela suspended foreign debt payments after widespread rioting

2005: U.S. adventurer Steve Fossett completed the first solo nonstop flight around the world