

A photograph of two men, Kevin Jorgeson and Tommy Caldwell, standing in front of a massive, light-colored rock face (El Capitan) in Yosemite National Park. The man on the left is wearing a blue jacket and gesturing with his hand. The man on the right is wearing a blue beanie and a yellow jacket. A yellow tent is partially visible behind them. The sky is clear blue.

Today in History

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▲ U.S. climbers Kevin Jorgeson and Tommy Caldwell became the first to free climb the 3,000ft (914m) Dawn Wall of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park, California

1866: Peru declared war on Spain, dissatisfied with the terms of its independence treaty of 1865

1935: The Lower Zambesi railway bridge, one of the world's longest, opened. It was blown up in 1986

1966: Musician David Jones changed his last name to Bowie

2002: U.S. President George W Bush explained that an angry red bruise on his cheek was acquired when he choked on a pretzel