



## Today in History

*June 25, 1867*

▲ The first barbed wire was patented in the U.S. state of Ohio as a way of keeping cattle away from crops on the prairies where fencing materials were scarce

**1910:** The first performance of Igor Stravinsky's ballet The Firebird was staged in Paris

**1991:** The last Soviet troops left Czechoslovakia 23 years after the invasion to crush the Prague Spring

**2006:** The world's two largest steel companies, Arcelor of France and India's Mittal Steel, agreed a merger

**2009:** Pop superstar Michael Jackson died after ingesting a powerful cocktail of sleeping drugs