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Today in History

April 10, 1336

▲ Mongol conqueror Tamerlane, who established an empire extending from India to the Mediterranean, was born in present-day Uzbekistan

1912: The ill-fated RMS Titanic sailed from Southampton on her maiden voyage to New York, carrying 2,224 passengers and crew

1919: Revolution in Mexico

1998: A peace treaty was signed in Northern Ireland, known as the Good Friday Agreement

2003: Haiti's new constitution was accepted and signed

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Today in History

April 11, 2015

▲ Barack Obama and Raul Castro held the first face-to-face meeting between U.S. and Cuban leaders in more than 50 years, at the Summit of the Americas in Panama

1913: French aviator Gustave Hamel flew across the Channel from Dunkirk to Dover and back in a record time of 20 minutes



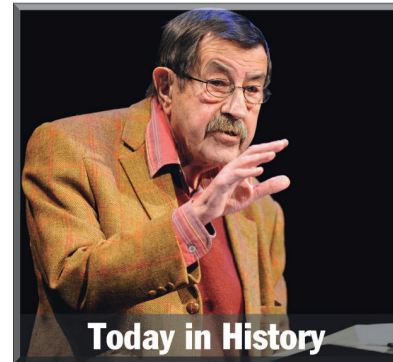
Today in History

April 12, 2009

▲ The Zimbabwean dollar was abandoned as an official currency after years of hyperinflation. Its astonishing denominations included a \$100 trillion banknote

1961: Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space. The flight lasted 108 minutes

1991: MARS launched its first



Today in History

April 13, 2015

▲ Gunter Grass, Nobel prize-winning German author, died at the age of 87. His breakthrough, anti-Nazi novel, The Tin Drum, was published in 1959

1964: Sidney Poitier became the first black person to win a Best Actor Oscar, for Lilies of the Field. Since 1997, he has served as the Bahamian



Today in History

April 14, 1981

▲ The space shuttle Columbia, seen here on the launchpad, made a perfect landing following its maiden flight. Columbia blew up on re-entry in February 2003

70: Titus, son of Emperor Vespasian, surrounded the Jewish capital Jerusalem with four Roman legions

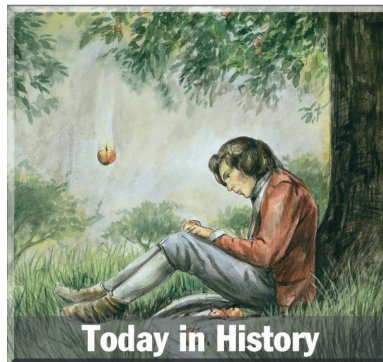
1915: U.S. bacteriologist Dr Harry Plotz discovered the typhus vaccine

1986: The world's heaviest authenticated hailstone, weighing one kilogram, fell in Bangladesh

2014: More than 270 girls were abducted from a government school in Chibok, Nigeria, by the Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram

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Today in History

April 15, 1726

▲ Sir Isaac Newton recounted how he arrived at the "notion of gravitation" by considering why an apple always falls to the ground in a perpendicular manner

1469: Nanak, the Indian spiritual teacher who founded Sikhism, was born near Lahore

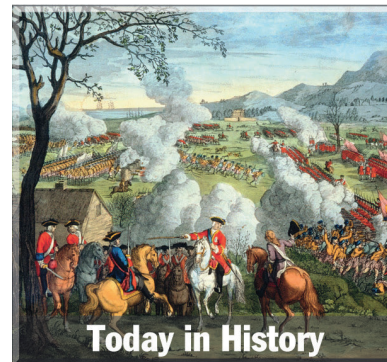
1912: The White Star liner Titanic sank on her maiden voyage after hitting an iceberg. Over 1,500 died

1923: Insulin became generally available for use by diabetics thanks to a breakthrough by drug company Eli Lilly that enabled its mass production

1964: The first Ford Mustang was sold at the New York World Fair

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Today in History

April 16, 1746

▲ English forces defeated the Jacobite Scots, led by "Bonnie Prince Charlie", at Culloiden, leading to the suppression of highland culture and clan system

1943: A Mexico court sentenced Jacques Monard to 20 years in jail for the murder of Leon Trotsky

1947: The phrase "Cold War" was coined to describe the relationship between the U.S. and Soviet Union

1990: Jack Kevorkian, known as "Doctor Death", participated in his first assisted suicide

2002: The entire Dutch government resigned after failing to prevent the Srebrenica massacre in Bosnia

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