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Today in History

April 17, 1916

▲ Sri Lankan stateswoman Sirimavo Bandaranaike was born. She succeeded her late husband to become the world's first woman prime minister in July 1960

1421: An estimated 100,000 people drowned when the sea broke through the dykes at Dort, in the Netherlands

1946: Syria gained independence from France
Arab state to former Ottoman

1961: U.S.-led forces to invade Cuba

1986: UK journalist was kidnapped and released by

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Today in History

April 18, 1906

▲ A devastating earthquake struck San Francisco. Over 3,000 died and 200,000 were left homeless in one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history

1934: The first ever launderette, the "Washateria", was opened in Texas

1946: The International Court of Justice opened in The Hague



Today in History

April 19, 1906

▲ Pierre Curie, French scientist who with his wife, Marie, won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1904, was run over by a dray in a Paris street and killed instantly

1943: The remaining 60,000 Polish Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto rose up against the Nazis. The uprising was crushed after three weeks



Today in History

April 20, 1941

▲ Actor Ryan O'Neal, pictured with his daughter Tatum in the 1973 film Paper Moon, was born. He also starred in Love Story (1970) and What's Up Doc? (1972)

1841: The world's first detective story, Edgar Allan Poe's The Murders in the Rue Morgue, was published

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Today in History

April 21, 1926

▲ Queen Elizabeth II, who succeeded to the throne in 1952 and is now Britain's longest ever reigning monarch, was born. She celebrates her 90th birthday today

753BC: According to legend, Romulus founded the city of Rome

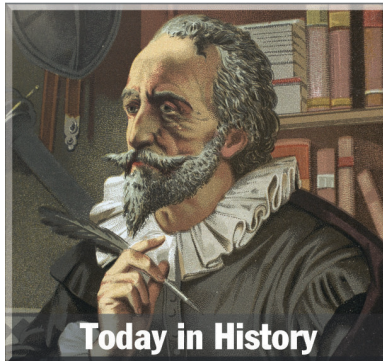
1526: The Battle of Panipat in India marked the start of the Mughal Empire

1918: German First World War flying ace Baron von Richthofen, known as the Red Baron, was killed in action

2015: Japan's state-of-the-art Maglev train set a new world speed record for the second time in a week, hitting 603km/h in a test run near Mt Fuji

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Today in History

April 22, 1616

▲ Spanish novelist and playwright Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra died in Madrid. His novel Don Quixote is considered one of the greatest of all modern works

1838: The British steamship Sirius became the first to cross the Atlantic on steam power only

1952: An atomic test was broadcast live on national television for the first time in the United States

1984: Scientists announced they had isolated the AIDS virus, which acts by weakening the body's immune system

1996: Channel Tunnel operators Eurotunnel announced a loss of £925m in its first year of operation

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Today in History

April 23, 1616

▲ William Shakespeare, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist, died in Stratford-upon-Avon

1516: A regulation specifying that beer should be brewed with only three ingredients, water, malt and hops, was signed in Ingolstadt, Bavaria

1791: A novel which claimed pain could bring sexual pleasure was published by the Marquis de Sade

2007: NASA released the first 3D images of the Sun acquired by the STEREO spacecraft

2010: Debt-ridden Greece appealed for crisis loans from the EU and IMF

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