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Today in History

May 1, 1931

▲ The Empire State Building was opened in New York. The world's tallest building for nearly 40 years, it was surpassed by the World Trade Center towers in 1970

1786: Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro was first performed in Vienna, Austria

1851: The Great Exhibition, the world's first international exhibition, opened in London

1961: Cuba declared the end of the revolution and abolished the Communist government

1992: Turkey's first Latin-based alphabet, the Cyrillic script, was introduced

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Today in History

May 2, 2011

▲ Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. special forces in a covert operation based on U.S. intelligence that revealed he was hiding out in Pakistan

1936: Emperor Haile Selassie of Abyssinia fled Addis Ababa three days before the city fell to Italian forces

1970: The first duel fought from hot



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May 3, 1913

▲ The Indian film industry was born when the silent full-length feature film Raja Harishchandra was first shown in Mumbai, drawing vast crowds

1375 BC: The Babylonians observed the first recorded eclipse

1808: The first duel fought from hot



Today in History

May 4, 1926

▲ The first ever General Strike in Britain began. Over nine days, troops helped maintain essential services, here escorting a food convoy in central London

1493: All new lands discovered west of the Azores were declared Spanish

1970: U.S. National Guardsmen shot and killed four student protesters at Kent



Today in History

May 5, 1821

▲ Napoleon Bonaparte, deposed Emperor of France who conquered much of Europe before his defeat at Waterloo, died a British prisoner on the island of St Helena

1961: Astronaut Alan Shepard became the first American in space in a 15-minute sub-orbital flight

1992: An Andy Warhol 1962 silkscreen of stacked Coke bottles sold at auction for \$2.1 million

2010: Over 100,000 Greeks took part in a general strike to protest against stringent planned austerity measures

2011: Claude Choules, the world's last First World War combat veteran, died in Perth, Australia, aged 110

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May 6, 1994

▲ The Channel Tunnel, which linked Britain and France for the first time since the Ice Age, was opened by Queen Elizabeth II and President Francois Mitterrand

1626: Dutch settler Peter Minuit bought Manhattan Island from Native American Indians for a handful of trinkets

1851: U.S. inventor Linus Yale patented the "Yale Infallible Bank Lock" for safes and vaults

1954: British athlete Roger Bannister became the first man to run a mile in under four minutes

2002: Right-wing Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn was shot dead while campaigning to be prime minister

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Today in History

May 7, 1996

▲ Bosnian Serb Dusan Tadic became the first defendant to face an international war crimes tribunal since the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials after World War II

1823: Beethoven conducted the first performance of his Ninth Symphony, despite his deafness

1888: George Eastman unveiled his easy-to-use box camera, the Kodak

1973: Washington Post reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward won the Pulitzer Prize for their work in exposing the Watergate scandal

1979: Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini lowered the age of marriage for girls to 13 and for boys to 15

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