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Today in History

May 8, 1541

▲ Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto discovered the Mississippi River. Its name derives from the Native American Ojibwe name Misi-Zibi, meaning Great River

1876: The last full-blood Aborigine from Tasmania, Truganini, died

1886: Coca-Cola went on sale for the first time in Atlanta, Georgia

1889: Australian opera singer Dame Nellie Melba performed in Paris, as Opéra de Paris

2007: The first known for his projects in parts of the discovered

Picture: Newscom



Today in History

May 9, 1901

▲ Australia opened its first federal parliament in Melbourne. It was based in the city until 1927, when it moved to the new national capital of Canberra

1785: British inventor Joseph Bramah patented the beer-pump handle

1996: President Yoweri Museveni won a landslide victory in Uganda



Today in History

May 10, 1861

▲ The joining of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific lines at Promontory, Utah, completed the Pacific Railroad, revolutionising the economy of the American West

1566: German physician and botanist Leonhard Fuchs, after whom the Fuchsia plant is named, died

1954: The silicon-based function



Today in History

May 11, 1981

▲ Bob Marley, Jamaican singer-songwriter who with his group the Wailers popularised reggae around the world, died of cancer at the age of only 36

1811: The original Siamese twins, Chang and Eng Bunker, were born to Chinese parents in Siam

1934: Austria's largest bank,

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May 12, 2015

▲ Pablo Picasso's Women of Algiers (Version O) smashed the world record for a painting sold at auction, fetching \$179.4 million in New York

1926: Norwegian Roald Amundsen, Italian Umberto Nobile and American Lincoln Ellsworth crossed the North Pole in an airship

1949: The Russian blockade of West Berlin ended after 11 months

1998: Spanish bullfighter Cristina Sanchez became the first woman to enter the highest rank of matadors

2004: The discovery of the Library of Alexandria, thought to be the world's oldest university, was announced

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May 13, 1981

▲ Pope John Paul II was shot and wounded as he drove through a crowd of 20,000 in St Peter's Square in Rome. The gunman, Mehmet Ali Agca, was arrested

1992: Three astronauts retrieved and relaunched a malfunctioning satellite

2003: Over a million people took to the streets of France to express their hostility to proposed reforms to the state pension system

2006: Some 17,000 people were evacuated after lava flows poured down the slopes of Indonesia's Mount Merapi

2008: A portrait by Lucian Freud, "Benefits Supervisor Sleeping", sold for \$33.6m, a record for a living artist

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May 14, 1796

▲ British physician Edward Jenner gave the first successful vaccination against smallpox, thus laying the foundation for modern immunology

1991: Winnie Mandela received a six-year jail sentence for complicity in multiple kidnapping and assault

2000: Los Alamos, the New Mexico site where the atom bomb was developed, was gutted by forest fires

2003: The foundation stone of the Moses Project, a dyke intended to save Venice from flooding, was laid

2007: A new hummingbird, a blue and green throated species called the gorgeted puffleg was discovered

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