

# GN34207 OTD Week 21 May 22-28



## Today in History

May 22, 2004

▲ Crown Prince Felipe of Spain married TV journalist Letizia Ortiz. When Felipe became king in 2014 she was the first commoner in Spanish history to become queen

1972: Richard Nixon became the first U.S. President to visit the Soviet Union

2003: A manuscript of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with handwritten revisions, so

2006: A brown

2015: Ireland

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## Today in History

May 23, 1618

▲ The Defenestration of Prague, in which Protestant Bohemian rebels threw Catholic councillors out of a castle window, instigated the Thirty Years War

1887: Gems from the French Crown Jewels were removed and sold in an attempt to undermine royalists

1919: An American who shot



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May 24, 1941

▲ Influential U.S. singer and songwriter Bob Dylan was born as Robert Zimmerman. His stage name was inspired by the poet Dylan Thomas. He is 75 today

1956: The Eurovision Song Contest was first held, in Lugano, Switzerland

1960: Chile's Cordón Caulle volcano



## Today in History

May 25, 2006

▲ Scientists first identified simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV) in wild apes, supporting the theory that the HIV virus originated in wild chimpanzees in Cameroon

1521: The Edict of Worms outlawed Martin Luther and his followers

1951: British foreign office officials Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean,

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May 26, 1971

▲ The TU-144, a Soviet version of Concorde, was demonstrated at the Paris Air Show. It entered passenger service in 1977 but was grounded after only 55 flights

1908: The first major oil strike in the Middle East was made in Persia

1979: Israel formally returned the Sinai to Egypt as part of the peace deal formulated by Anwar Sadat

2008: China relaxed its one-child policy to allow parents of children killed in the Sichuan earthquake to have another child. Over 5,000 children died

2011: Ratko Mladic, ex-Bosnian Serb general believed responsible for the Srebrenica massacre, was arrested

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## Today in History

May 27, 1936

▲ The Cunard liner Queen Mary made her maiden voyage to New York. The ship retired from service in 1967 and is now permanently moored in Long Beach, California

1951: China forced the Dalai Lama to surrender control of Tibet's army and foreign affairs to Beijing

1986: Dragon Quest, credited as the original model for role-playing video games, was released in Japan

1994: Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia to an emotional welcome after 20 years in exile

2015: Swiss police arrested seven FIFA officials in Zurich, following two separate criminal probes

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## Today in History

May 28, 2008

▲ Italy's famous Leaning Tower of Pisa was stable for the first time in its 800-year history following a 10-year operation to move it into a more upright position

1998: Pictures from the Hubble Space Telescope revealed the first known planet outside our own solar system

1999: Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper went on show in the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan for the first time in 20 years

2004: The last span of the Millau viaduct in France was completed

2008: A 380m-year-old fossil fish provided the oldest-known example of a mother giving birth to live young

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