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Today in History

May 29, 1986

▲ The European flag, showing a circle of 12 golden stars on a blue background, was first raised outside the European Commission headquarters in Brussels

1942: Crooner Bing Crosby recorded Irving Berlin's classic, White Christmas, which went on to sell 30 million copies

1997: Laurent Kabila was elected as president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

2003: U.S. scientists announced they had cloned the first baby mule

2015: The United States withdrew its troops from Cuba from the 1962 Bay of Pigs invasion of terrorism

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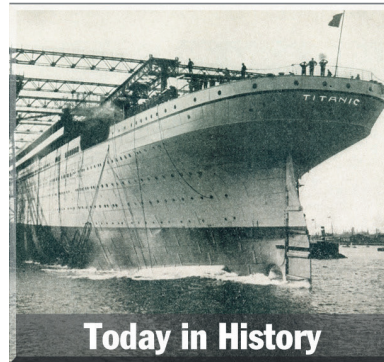
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May 30, 1431

▲ Joan of Arc, who claimed divine inspiration as she led the French army to victory over the English at Orleans, was burned at the stake for heresy in Rouen, France

1911: The Indianapolis 500 motor race was run for the first time

1981: President Zia ur-Rahman of Bangladesh was assassinated by a



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May 31, 1911

▲ The White Star liner Titanic was launched in Belfast. At the time it was the largest vessel afloat, but the ship famously sank on its maiden voyage in April 1912

1891: Construction of the 9,288km Trans-Siberian Railway began

1991: Angola's President Eduardo dos Santos and UNITA rebel leader



Today in History

June 1, 1926

▲ Movie star Marilyn Monroe, the "blonde bombshell" of the 1950s whose films grossed over \$200 million, was born. She remains an icon of popular culture to this day

1966: Bob Dylan had purist fans booing in London when he used an electric guitar for the first time in Britain

1973: Congo's military government

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Today in History

June 2, 2015

▲ Sepp Blatter, re-elected for a fifth term as FIFA president just four days earlier, announced his resignation in the wake of an FBI-led corruption investigation

1851: Maine was the first U.S. state to enforce the prohibition of alcohol

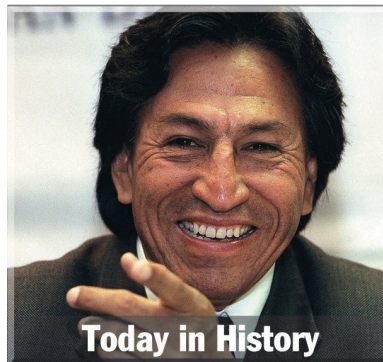
1896: Italian inventor Guglielmo Marconi patented his wireless telegraph apparatus

1946: King Umberto II of Italy and his family were exiled from the country after the monarchy was abolished in a referendum and a republic established

1964: The Palestinian Liberation Organization was founded in East Jerusalem

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Today in History

June 3, 2001

▲ Alejandro Toledo was elected president of Peru, the first South American president of indigenous descent to be democratically elected in 500 years

1665: British naval forces defeated a Danish fleet off the coast of Suffolk

1950: A French expedition made the first successful ascent of the Himalayan peak of Annapurna

1992: The largest ever environmental summit opened in Rio de Janeiro, with 178 nations taking part

2012: A spectacular river pageant, the first in 300 years, was held in London as part of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

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Today in History

June 4, 1941

▲ Kaiser Wilhelm II, the last German Emperor, died in the Netherlands where he had lived in exile since Germany's defeat in the First World War

1896: Henry Ford took his first car, the quadricycle, for a trial run on the roads of Detroit

1946: General Juan Peron was sworn in as president of Argentina

1989: Lech Walesa's Solidarity party achieved a landslide victory in Poland's parliamentary elections

1991: Albania's communist government, led by Fatos Nano, resigned after a general strike lasting 20 days

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