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Today in History

June 5, 2005

▲ Rising tennis star Rafael Nadal, from Spain, won his first Grand Slam title at Roland Garros in Paris. He has now won the trophy a record nine times

1783: Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier gave the first public demonstration of their hot-air balloon

1967: The Six-Day War between Israel and the Arab states began

1968: U.S. president Lyndon B. Johnson announced that he would not seek re-election

2001: A California woman won \$15.5 million in a legal settlement over its alleged complicity in the execution of several Nigerian environmental activists

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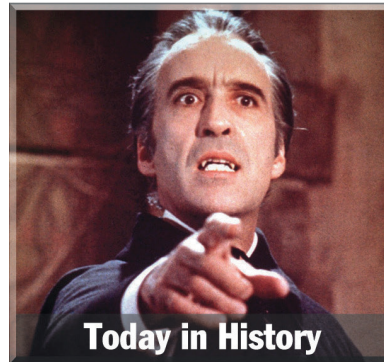
Today in History

June 6, 2015

▲ American Pharoah became the first horse to win the U.S. Triple Crown since 1978, winning the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes in succession

1966: America's Gemini 9 spacecraft returned after a three-day mission

1984: Indian troops stormed the Golden Temple in Amritsar, the holiest shrine of Sikhism



Today in History

June 7, 2015

▲ Christopher Lee, veteran British star best known for playing Count Dracula and latterly the evil wizard Saruman in The Lord of the Rings films, died aged 93

1937: Movie star Jean Harlow, the blonde bombshell of the 1930s, died from a cerebral oedema aged only 26



Today in History

June 8, 1973

▲ General Francisco Franco appointed Luis Carrero Blanco as prime minister of Spain after ruling alone for 34 years. Franco remained as head of state

1783: The Laki volcano erupted in Iceland, causing a drop in temperatures that led to global crop failures

1919: Winston Churchill published his book 'The Great Speeches', warning of the dangers of socialism

1954: Lee Harvey Oswald was shot to death by a sniper

Picture: AP



Today in History

June 9, 1946

▲ King Bhumibol of Thailand acceded to the throne on the death of his brother. The world's longest serving reigning monarch marks 70 years as king today

68: Roman emperor Nero committed suicide at the age of 31

1993: Crown Prince Naruhito of Japan married businesswoman Masako Owada

2009: Royal Dutch Shell agreed to pay \$15.5m in a legal settlement over its alleged complicity in the execution of several Nigerian environmental activists

2013: Edward Snowden admitted revealing details of top-secret spy programmes to the press

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Today in History

June 10, 1921

▲ Prince Philip of Greece was born in Corfu. He has been married to Queen Elizabeth II for almost 70 years and celebrates his 95th birthday today

1909: The SOS signal was first used

1942: The Germans destroyed the Czech village of Lidice in retaliation for the killing of Reinhard Heydrich by Czech resistance fighters

1967: The Six-Day War ended with Israel capturing East Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Sinai

2006: Three prisoners at the U.S. prison camp Guantanamo Bay hanged themselves in the facility's first reported suicides

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Today in History

June 11, 1969

▲ David Bowie, who died earlier this year, released his seminal single Space Oddity, launching a successful worldwide career as musician, actor and producer

1968: Lloyd J. Old, one of the founders of cancer immunology, identified the first cell surface antigens distinguishing cells of different lines

1993: Steven Spielberg's movie Jurassic Park opened in the U.S.

2008: Dethroned King Gyanendra left the royal palace for the last time after Nepal was declared a republic

2009: The World Health Organization declared a global flu pandemic, the first since the 1968 Hong Kong flu

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