

GN34274 OTD Week25 - Jun 19-25



Today in History

June 19, 1566

▲ The future King James VI of Scotland, later also James I of England, was born to Mary Queen of Scots. He was the first king to rule both England and Scotland

1846: The first baseball game with set rules was played at the Elysian fields in Hoboken, New Jersey

1961: A slab bearing the name of Pontius Pilate

1961: Kuwait gained independence after a treaty with Great Britain

2014: The death toll from the Ebola outbreak in West Africa reached 10,000, making it the world's deadliest outbreak of the haemorrhagic fever virus

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Today in History

June 20, 1597

▲ Dutch explorer Willem Barents died after a year stranded in the Arctic on an expedition to search for the Northeast passage. The Barents Sea is named after him

1756: Over 140 British soldiers were imprisoned in what became known as the Black Hole of Calcutta

1910: Russia's first president, Grigori Yavlinskiy, was elected



Today in History

June 21, 2015

▲ Texan golfer Jordan Spieth won the U.S. Open at the age of 21. It was his second consecutive major victory following the U.S. Masters two months earlier

1919: The captured German fleet scuttled itself at Scapa Flow in Scotland

1948: Columbia Records introduced the first successful long-playing record



Today in History

June 22, 1611

▲ English explorer Henry Hudson was set adrift with his son and other crew by mutineers in what is now Hudson Bay. The abandoned men were never seen again

1633: Galileo was forced by the Papal Inquisitor to recant his view that the Sun was at the centre of the Universe

1984: Iran's President Bani Sadr was elected



Today in History

June 23, 1996

▲ Sheikh Hasina, daughter of murdered independence leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, took office as prime minister of Bangladesh

1956: Gamel Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt unopposed

1960: The first oral contraceptive pill, Enovid, was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

1991: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreed to offer associate membership to the Soviet Union

2016: The United Kingdom holds a referendum to decide whether or not to continue its membership in the European Union

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Today in History

June 24, 2015

▲ Scientists announced they had found the oldest-known turtle, 240 million years old, that combined traits of lizard-like ancestors with emerging turtle-like features

1901: The first exhibition by Pablo Picasso, aged 19, opened in Paris

1953: Jacqueline Bouvier announced her engagement to rising U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy

1994: The world's largest cargo aircraft, the Beluga, was unveiled in Toulouse

2008: Plans were unveiled for the world's first swirling skyscraper in Dubai, with each floor rotating once an hour to form an ever-changing profile on the skyline

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Today in History

June 25, 1867

▲ The first barbed wire was patented in the U.S. state of Ohio as a way of keeping cattle away from crops on the prairies where fencing materials were scarce

1910: The first performance of Igor Stravinsky's ballet The Firebird was staged in Paris

1991: The last Soviet troops left Czechoslovakia 23 years after the invasion to crush the Prague Spring

2006: The world's two largest steel companies, Arcelor of France and India's Mittal Steel, agreed a merger

2009: Pop superstar Michael Jackson died after ingesting a powerful cocktail of sleeping drugs

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