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Today in History

June 26, 1906

▲ The first grand prix motor race was held at Le Mans over 65 miles of public roads. Hungarian Ferenc Szisz won, driving a Renault at an average speed of 101km/h

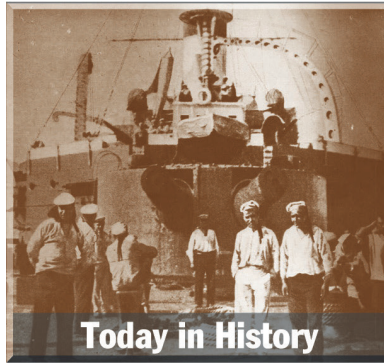
1959: The St Lawrence Seaway, connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean, was opened

1974: The scramble bus was first used in

1995: Haman became Emily's father in

2000: Two people announced they had deciphered the human genome

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Today in History

June 27, 1905

▲ Mutinous Russian sailors took control of the battleship Potemkin in the Black Sea, throwing the commander and several other officers overboard

1954: The world's first atomic power station opened in the "Science City" of Obninsk, near Moscow

1976: Palestinian militants blocked



Today in History

June 28, 1997

▲ Mike Tyson was fined \$3m and his boxing license was revoked for one year after he bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear during a world heavyweight title fight

1979: OPEC countries agreed on a two-tier pricing system for oil

1992: U.S. surgeons transplanted a human liver into a human body



Today in History

June 29, 1956

▲ American playwright Arthur Miller married glamorous movie star Marilyn Monroe. He wrote the screenplay for her final film, The Misfits, but they divorced in 1961

1993: Scientists drilling through the Greenland ice cap extracted an ice core deposited 250,000 years ago

2004: Science Museum president

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June 30, 1936

▲ Margaret Mitchell's epic U.S. Civil War novel Gone with the Wind, later a hugely successful film starring Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh, was published

1908: A huge explosion caused by a meteorite rocked eastern Siberia

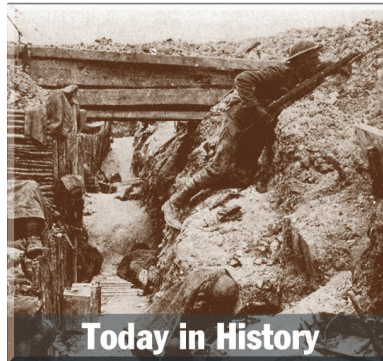
1971: The three crew members of the Soviet spacecraft Soyuz II died on re-entry after a drop in air pressure

1972: The first leap second was added to the UTC time system, to adjust for the mean solar day being slightly longer than 24 hours

1997: Amid pouring rain and high emotion, Britain handed Hong Kong back to China at midnight

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Today in History

July 1, 1916

▲ Over 20,000 British soldiers were killed on the first day of the World War I Battle of the Somme, the heaviest ever one-day loss in British warfare

1916: Coca-Cola officially launched its distinctive, hourglass shaped bottle

1937: Britain launched the world's first telephone emergency service

1991: The Warsaw Pact, the last vestige of the Cold War era Soviet bloc, was formally dissolved

2010: China's Huning Intercity High-Speed Railway opened between Shanghai and Nanjing, the journey taking 73 minutes with a top speed of 350km/h (217mph)

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Today in History

July 2, 1937

▲ Aviator Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, vanished over the Pacific Ocean as they tried to make the first flight around the world flight at the equator

1853: The Russian army entered territories of the Ottoman Empire, thus instigating the Crimean War

1956: Elvis Presley recorded Hound Dog and Don't Be Cruel in New York

1976: North and South Vietnam were reunited as one country with Hanoi as the capital following the Vietnam War

1994: Soccer player Andres Escobar, who scored an own goal to eliminate Colombia from the World Cup, was shot dead on his return to Medellin

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