

GN34320 OTD Week27 - July 3-9



Today in History

July 3, 2015

▲ The solar-powered aircraft Solar Impulse completed the longest ever solo flight without refuelling, 7,200km from Japan to Hawaii in 117 hours and 52 minutes

1928: John Logie Baird transmitted the world's first colour television pictures

1976: Sweden's Bjorn Borg, aged 20, won the first of five consecutive men's singles titles at Wimbledon

1996: British Prime Minister John Major announced the return of the ancient symbol of the unicorn to be returned to Scotland after 1,000 years in Westminster

2006: The first Tibetan Buddhist arrived in Tibet

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Today in History

July 4, 1776

▲ The American Declaration of Independence was adopted. It famously pronounces: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..."

1924: The original Caesar salad was created in Mexico by Caesar Cardini

1976: Israel commandos stormed a blacked plane, freeing 100 hostages



Today in History

July 5, 1946

▲ The bikini, designed by former Renault engineer Louis Reard and named after the Pacific atoll where atom bombs were then being tested, was first modelled in Paris

1811: Venezuela declared its independence from Spain

1994: Yasser Arafat returned to the West Bank after 2 years in exile



Today in History

July 6, 1971

▲ Eminent jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong died. His bands, the Hot Five and Hot Seven, made a revolutionary impact on jazz in the mid 1920s

1964: Nyasaland became the independent state of Malawi

2003: Ould M'Bareck, a former slave turned politician, became prime minister of Mauritania



Today in History

July 7, 1591

▲ The week-long festival of San Fermin, famous for the "encierro", or running of the bulls, was established in Pamplona, a city in the Navarra region of Spain

1952: The liner United States made the fastest-ever crossing of the Atlantic, in 3 days, 10 hours, 40 minutes

2005: Four suicide bomb attacks on London's transport network at rush hour killed 56 people and injured 700. They were the first such bombings in western Europe

2007: Over 100 million voted to name the new seven wonders of the world

2007: A truck bomb killed 150 people and wounded 240 in Amiri, Iraq

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Today in History

July 8, 1881

▲ The ice cream sundae was invented as an alternative to ice cream soda drinks, banned on the Sabbath as soda was considered a controlled substance, like alcohol

1497: Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama sailed from Lisbon in search of a sea route to India

1994: Kim Il-sung, authoritarian "Great Leader" of North Korea since 1948, died of a heart attack at age 82

1997: Former Warsaw Pact nations Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic were invited to join NATO

2006: The first manned flight of a powered ornithopter – an aircraft that flaps its wings – took place

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Today in History

July 9, 2011

▲ After more than 50 years of struggle, the Republic of South Sudan declared its independence, becoming Africa's 54th state and the world's newest nation

1816: Argentina declared independence from Spain

1984: Lightning struck York Minster and set the roof on fire, destroying the south transept

1991: The International Olympic Committee lifted a 21-year-old boycott on South Africa

2001: A Chilean court ruled that General Augusto Pinochet should be spared trial on charges of human rights violations, due to poor health

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