

GN34469 OTD Week30 - July 24-30



Today in History

July 24, 2015

▲ Possibly the world's oldest fragments of the Koran were found in England. Radiocarbon dating estimated the manuscript to be at least 1,370 years old

1911: Hiram Bingham discovered the lost Inca city of Machu Picchu in Peru

1969: The re-entry vehicle carrying the Apollo 11 astronauts splashed down safely

1993: Russia introduced a drastic reform of its judicial system, with judges issued up to 10 years in prison

2001: The British government approved the King Simeon

Picture: Associated Press



Today in History

July 25, 2009

▲ Harry Patch, the last surviving soldier to have fought in the trenches of the First World War, died. He was badly wounded at the 1917 Battle of Passchendaele

1814: British engineer George Stephenson designed and built the world's first steam locomotive

1914: Russian Revolution



Today in History

July 26, 1956

▲ President Nasser of Egypt nationalised the British and French-owned Suez Canal, leading to confrontation with Britain, France, and Israel

711: The Moorish domination of Spain began following the battle of Xeres

2001: Scientists concluded that the 5,000-year-old 'clayman' found in the



Today in History

July 27, 1921

▲ Insulin was first isolated at Toronto University by Canadians Sir Frederick Banting and Charles Best. It proved an effective treatment for diabetes

1866: The steamer Great Eastern arrived in Newfoundland after laying a transatlantic telegraph

1905: Footballists organised in

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Today in History

July 28, 1866

▲ Beatrix Potter, English author and illustrator of The Tale of Peter Rabbit and other well-loved children's books featuring animals, was born in London

1586: Elizabethan adventurer Sir Thomas Harriot introduced the first potatoes into England from Colombia

1821: Jose de San Martin and his forces liberated Peru and proclaimed its independence from Spain

1976: The worst earthquake of modern times killed at least 242,000 people in Tangshan, China

2008: King George Tupou V of Tonga relinquished his powers, ending centuries of absolute monarchy

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Today in History

July 29, 2015

▲ Aircraft debris found washed up on the island of Reunion proved to be from missing Malaysian Airlines flight MH370, which vanished in March 2014

1968: The Catholic Church reaffirmed its traditional teaching on birth control

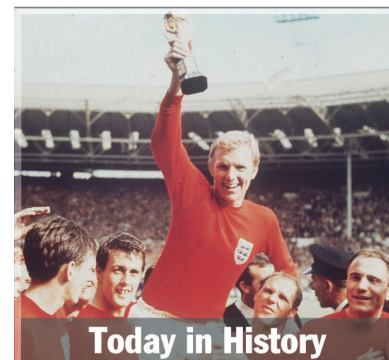
1980: Iran adopted a new flag after the Islamic Revolution

2006: The Declaration of Montreal on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Human Rights was adopted in Montreal, Canada

2008: Two Russian manned mini submarines set a new record by descending 1,680m to the bottom of Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake

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Today in History

July 30, 1966

▲ England, captained by Bobby Moore, beat West Germany 4-2 to win the FIFA football World Cup final at Wembley Stadium in London

2001: Canada became the first country in the world to legalise the use of marijuana for medical purposes

2003: The last original-style Volkswagen Beetle, number 21,529,464, rolled off its assembly line in Puebla, Mexico

2012: A power cut in northern India left 700 million people without electricity across 22 of the country's 28 states

2015: The Afghan Taliban confirmed the death of its leader, Mullah Omar

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