

A detailed landscape painting showing a river flowing through a valley. On the left, a large tree with a thick trunk stands near a small figure of a person. The river reflects the sky and surrounding greenery. In the distance, more trees and hills are visible under a blue sky with soft clouds. On the right bank, a group of people is gathered near the water's edge.

Today in History

November 24, 1642

▲ Dutch navigator Abel Tasman discovered what is now Tasmania. He named it Van Diemen's Land, after the Governor General of the Dutch East Indies

1874: An improved type of barbed wire was patented, enabling ranchers to prevent their herds from roaming

2009: China executed two men for their role in the 2008 tainted baby milk scandal

2009: Michael Jackson's trademark white jewelled glove sold at auction for \$350,000

2014: Lionel Messi's 252nd goal for Barcelona broke the 50-year-old La Liga scoring record