

A detail from Sandro Botticelli's painting 'Primavera'. It shows three women in a forest setting. The woman on the left is seated, looking towards the center. The woman in the middle is standing, seen from the back, with her arms raised. The woman on the right is standing, looking towards the center. They are all wearing light-colored, flowing dresses. The background shows dark, vertical tree trunks and some foliage on the right.

Today in History

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▲ Florentine painter Sandro Botticelli, whose works such as *Primavera* (detail shown) embody the Italian Renaissance spirit, died in poverty at the age of 65

1540: Moghul emperor Humayun was defeated at Kanauj and was forced to flee India by Sher Shah of Sur

1890: Mascagni's opera *Cavalleria Rusticana* was first performed at the Teatro Costanzi in Rome

1990: The World Health Organization eliminated homosexuality from its list of psychiatric diseases

2015: The Iraqi city of Ramadi fell to Islamic State fighters after government forces abandoned their positions