



# Today in History

*June 25, 1867*

▲ The first barbed wire was patented in the U.S. state of Ohio as a way of keeping cattle away from crops on the prairies where fencing materials were scarce

**1991:** Croatia and Slovenia declared independence, plunging the Yugoslav federation into a violent breakup

**1997:** An auction of Princess Diana's dresses in New York raised over \$3.5 million for charity

**2009:** Pop superstar Michael Jackson died after ingesting a powerful cocktail of sleeping drugs

**2021:** A former police officer was jailed for the murder of African-American George Floyd in 2020