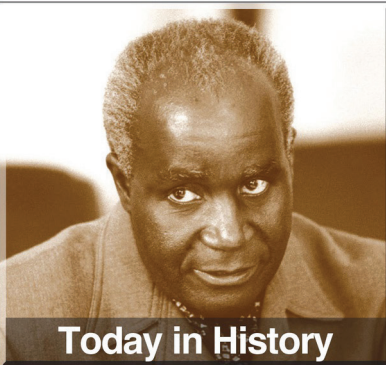


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Today in History

April 28, 1924

▲ Kenneth Kaunda, first president of Zambia, was born. He led the nation after independence in 1964, remaining in power until he lost multi-party elections in 1991

1919: The Treaty of Versailles imposed huge reparations on Germany after the First World War

1920: Azerbaijan, the first Muslim majority secular republic, was incorporated into the Soviet Union

2001: U.S. became the first country to legalize same-sex marriage

2014: The UN imposed sanctions on companies in eastern Ukraine

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Today in History

April 29, 1913

▲ Swedish-American engineer Gideon Sundback patented an improved version of the zip fastener, calling it a "separable fastener"

1994: Nelson Mandela, heading for victory in South Africa, spoke of his "joy, hope and confidence for the future"

2000: Nike introduced the Air Max 2000 sneaker



Today in History

April 30, 1919

▲ Emperor Akihito of Japan abdicated the Chrysanthemum Throne, becoming the first Japanese Emperor to abdicate in over 200 years

1789: George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States

2015: The Kingdom of Eswatini was established



Today in History

May 1, 1994

▲ Three-time Formula 1 world champion racing driver Ayrton Senna was killed when his car smashed into a concrete wall at the San Marino Grand Prix

1707: The union of England and Scotland created a single kingdom called Great Britain

1984: Construction of the world's first skyscraper, the Sears Tower, began in Chicago



Today in History

May 2, 1904

▲ U.S. crooner Bing Crosby was born. His recording of "White Christmas" remains the world's top-selling single with global sales of over 30 million copies

1775: Benjamin Franklin completed the first scientific study of the Gulf Stream

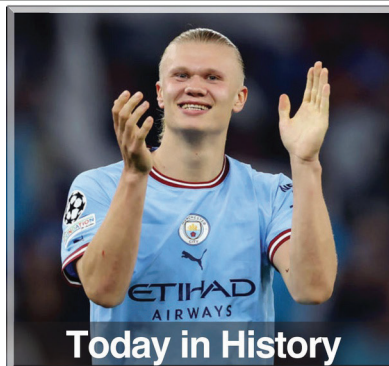
1860: Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, was born in Hungary

2011: Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. special forces in Pakistan

2014: Ukraine launched an offensive on pro-Russian rebels in the eastern city of Sloviansk, while clashes in Odesa led to more than 40 deaths

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Today in History

May 3, 2023

▲ Prolific striker Erling Haaland set a new Premier League record with his 35th goal of the season for Manchester City, surpassing a 30-year-old single season mark

1494: Christopher Columbus first sighted the island of Jamaica

1814: Louis XVIII acceded to the throne of France after 22 years of a republic under Napoleon Bonaparte

1874: French industrialist and perfume manufacturer Francois Coty was born. He also acquired several newspapers, including Le Figaro

2004: Air France merged with the Dutch airline KLM. It is currently the world's fifth-largest airline

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Today in History

May 4, 1654

▲ Kangxi, who ruled as emperor of China for 61 years, was born. Under his reign the Qing Dynasty reached the zenith of its social, economic and military power

1839: Samuel Cunard of Nova Scotia founded the Cunard shipping line

1989: The Magellan probe was launched from the Space Shuttle to map the surface of Venus using radar

1994: A historic agreement with Israel gave Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip their first measure of freedom since the 1967 war

2004: Taiwan's parliament passed a law requiring official documents to be written from left to right

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