

GN45836 On this day in history Week25 - June 16-22



Today in History

June 16, 1884

▲ The world's first modern rollercoaster opened at Coney Island in New York. It offered passengers a 6mph ride for the price of five cents

1948: Chinese bandits carried out the first hijack of an aircraft, on a Cathay Pacific flight to Hong Kong

1961: Russian dancers Rudolf Nureyev and Margot Fonteyn asked for permission to visit Paris

1999: Nelson Mandela was elected as South Africa's first president. He was succeeded by Thabo Mbeki

2004: Iran was accused of having nuclear weapons, but it was later found out for lack of evidence

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Today in History

June 17, 1944

▲ Iceland became an independent republic after a referendum on disengaging from Danish rule. Iceland had been declared a sovereign state in 1918

1823: Charles Macintosh patented his waterproof cloth for making raincoats

1867: Joseph Lister performed the first successful operation under antiseptic conditions



Today in History

June 18, 2023

▲ A deep-sea submersible carrying five people to view the wreck of the Titanic suffered a catastrophic implosion that killed everyone aboard

1583: The first life insurance policy was issued in London

1953: The new Republic of Egypt was proclaimed with Gamal Abdel Nasser as president



Today in History

June 19, 2014

▲ Felipe VI was crowned King of Spain, challenged with restoring the monarchy's prestige after a series of scandals and amid economic discontent

1790: Hereditary nobility was abolished in France

1846: The first baseball game with out-of-play balls played at the Elysian Fields in New York City



Today in History

June 20, 1949

▲ American tennis player Gussie Moran created a sensation at Wimbledon by exposing lace-trimmed panties under her short skirt

1819: The Savannah became the first steamship to cross the Atlantic, taking 27 days 11 hours

1944: The Battle of the Philippine Sea ended with Japan losing a third of its aircraft carriers and their planes

1956: Radioactive rain fell across central Australia after an atomic test at Monte Bello

1999: NATO formally ended its bombing campaign against Yugoslavia as Serb forces withdrew from Kosovo

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Today in History

June 21, 1948

▲ Columbia Records introduced the first successful long-playing records, made of Vinylite plastic and rotating at 33 and a third revolutions per minute

1791: King Louis XVI of France and Queen Marie Antoinette were arrested whilst fleeing from revolutionary Paris

1964: Three U.S. civil rights workers disappeared after being arrested by Mississippi police

2009: Self-rule was introduced in Greenland in the latest step towards independence from Denmark

2017: Mohammad bin Salman, son of King Salman of Saudi Arabia, was appointed as Crown Prince

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Today in History

June 22, 1949

▲ Actress Meryl Streep was born. Nominated for a record 21 Oscars, she has won three, for Kramer vs Kramer (1979), Sophie's Choice (1982), and The Iron Lady (2011)

1815: Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated for the second and final time after his defeat at the Battle of Waterloo

1969: The Cuyahoga River in Ohio caught fire, triggering a crackdown on river pollution across the U.S.

1989: Seven student leaders of the Tiananmen Square demonstrations were executed after trial in China

1994: After hard bargaining, Russia finally signed NATO's "Partnership of Peace" accord

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