

GN46306 On this day in history Week41 - October 6-12



Today in History

October 6, 1927

▲ The Jazz Singer, starring Al Jolson, opened in New York. It was the first full-length feature film to include spoken dialogue and is regarded as the first "talkie"

1014: Byzantine emperor Basil II defeated the Bulgarian army after 28 years of war

1789: Marie Antoinette of France told hungry women that they had no bread

1914: Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen crossed the South Pole. He was born

1966: The first synthetic rubber was declared

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Today in History

October 7, 2023

▲ Israel declared a state of war after Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups launched attacks from the Gaza Strip, killing 1,200 Israelis and seizing 250 hostages

1949: The German Democratic Republic, commonly known as East Germany, with its capital in the Soviet sector of Berlin, was proclaimed



Today in History

October 8, 2023

▲ Kelvin Kiptum shattered the men's world record at the Chicago Marathon, in a time of 2:00:35. Kiptum died in a car crash in Kenya earlier this year, aged 24

1999: U.S. President Bill Clinton apologised for comparing Northern Ireland's warring sides to a "couple of drunks" unable to leave the bar



Today in History

October 9, 1759

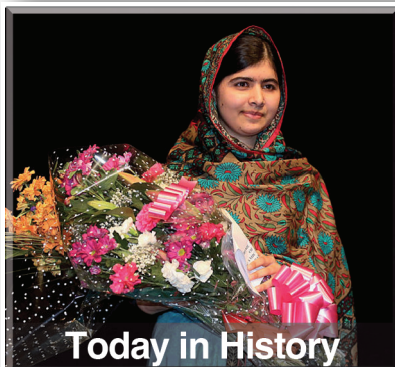
▲ The Eddystone Lighthouse, off England's southwest coast, was completed. Modelled on the shape of an oak tree, it had a major influence on lighthouse design

1946: The first electric blanket went on sale in the United States

1969: Following anti-Soviet protests, Czechoslovakia closed its frontiers to citizens

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Taliban

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October 10, 2014

▲ Pakistani schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai, shot by the Taliban for demanding education for girls, became the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize

1999: London's Millennium Wheel was successfully raised on the south bank of the River Thames

2004: Superman actor Christopher Reeve died nine years after being paralysed in a riding accident

2009: Turkey and Armenia agreed to establish diplomatic ties for the first time, following a century of hostility

2009: Poland signed the Lisbon Treaty, intended to streamline decision-making within the EU

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Today in History

October 11, 1957

▲ Britain's Jodrell Bank radio telescope, then the largest in the world, went into operation, just in time to track Sputnik 1, the world's first artificial satellite

1844: American food-products manufacturer Henry John Heinz, who founded H.J. Heinz Co., was born

1919: The first airline meals were served on a flight from London to Paris, costing three shillings

1939: U.S.-based scientists warned President Roosevelt that Germany could develop an atomic bomb

1976: China's "Gang of Four", led by Mao Zedong's widow Jiang Qing, were arrested for plotting a coup

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Today in History

October 12, 1928

▲ The first use of an "iron lung" took place to treat a young patient suffering from polio. The medical ventilator enabled polio sufferers to breathe more normally

1823: Scottish chemist Charles Macintosh sold his first raincoat after patenting a waterproof fabric

1901: The U.S. presidential residence was formally renamed the White House

1964: The first spaceship to carry a multiple crew, the Soviet Voskhod-1, was launched into orbit around Earth

2009: A group of fossils found in China was confirmed as the biggest of its kind in the world

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