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[11] 1836 - Formation of Ancient Order of Hibernians.[12] 1859 - The Cornwall Railway opens across the Royal Albert Bridge linking Devon and Cornwall in England.[13] 1869 - The four-day Naval Battle of Hakodate begins. The newly formed Imperial Japanese Navy defeats the remnants of the Tokugawa shogunate navy in the Sea of Japan off the city of Hakodate, leading to the surrender of the Ezo Republic on May 17.[14] 1871 - The National Association, the first professional baseball league, opens its first season in Fort Wayne, Indiana.[15] 1886 - Haymarket affair: In Chicago, United States, a homemade bomb is thrown at police officers trying to break up a labor rally, killing one officer. Ensuing gunfire leads to the deaths of a further seven officers and four civilians.[16] 1904 - The United States begins construction of the Panama Canal. 1910 - The Royal Canadian Navy is created.[17] 1912 - Italy occupies the Ottoman island of Rhodes. 1919 - May Fourth Movement: Student demonstrations take place in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China, protesting the Treaty of Versailles, which transferred Chinese territory to Japan. 1926 - The United Kingdom general strike begins. 1927. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is incorporated.[18] 1932 - Having been incarcerated at the Cook County Jail since his sentencing on October 24, 1931, mobster Al Capone is transferred to the federal penitentiary in Atlanta after the U.S. Supreme Court denies his appeal for conviction of tax evasion.[19] 1942 - World War II: The Battle of the Coral Sea begins with an attack by aircraft from the United States aircraft carrier USS Yorktown on Japanese naval forces at Tulagi Island in the Solomon Islands. The Japanese forces had invaded Tulagi the day before. 1945 - World War II: Neueuamme concentration camp near Hamburg is liberated by the British Army. 1945 - World War II: The German surrender at Lüneburg Heath is signed, coming into effect the following day. It encompasses all Wehrmacht units in the Netherlands, Denmark and northwest Germany. 1946 - In San Francisco Bay, U.S. Marines from the nearby Treasure Island Naval Base stop a two-day riot at Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary. Five people are killed in the riot. 1949 - The entire Torino football team (except for two players who did not take the trip: Sauro Tomà, due to an injury and Renato Gandolfi, because of coach request) is killed in a plane crash. 1953 - Ernest Hemingway wins the Pulitzer Prize for *The Old Man and the Sea*. 1959 - The 1st Annual Grammy Awards are held. 1961 - American civil rights movement: The "Freedom Riders" begin a bus trip through the South. 1961 - Malcolm Ross and Victor Prather attain a new altitude record for manned balloon flight ascending in the Strato-Lab V open gondola to 113,740 feet (34,677 km). 1970 - Vietnam War: Kent State shootings: The Ohio National Guard, sent to Kent State University after disturbances in the city of Kent the weekend before, opens fire killing four unarmed students and wounding nine others. The students were protesting the Cambodian Campaign of the United States and South Vietnam. 1972 - The Don't Make A Wave Committee, a fledgling environmental organization founded in Canada in 1971, officially changes its name to "Greenpeace Foundation". 1973 - The 108-story Sears Tower in Chicago is topped out at 1,451 feet (442 m) as the world's tallest building.[20] 1978 - The South African Defence Force attacks a SWAPO base at Cassinga in southern Angola, killing about 600 people.[21] 1979 - Margaret Thatcher becomes the first female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. 1982 - Twenty sailors are killed when the British Type 42 destroyer HMS Sheffield is hit by an Argentinian Exocet missile during the Falklands War. 1988 - The PEPCON disaster rocks Henderson, Nevada, as tons of Space Shuttle fuel detonate during a fire. 1989 - Iran-Contra affair: Former White House aide Oliver North is convicted of three crimes and acquitted of nine other charges; the convictions are later overturned on appeal. 1989 - Space Shuttle Atlantis launches on mission STS-30 to deploy the Venus-bound Magellan space probe.[22] 1990 - Latvia declares independence from the Soviet Union. 1994 - Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat sign a peace accord, granting self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. 1998 - A federal judge in Sacramento, California, gives "Unabomber" Theodore Kaczynski four life sentences plus 30 years after Kaczynski accepts a plea agreement sparing him from the death penalty. 2000 - Ken Livingstone becomes the first Mayor of London (an office separate from that of the Lord Mayor of London). 2002 - One hundred three people are killed and 51 are injured in a plane crash near Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport in Kano, Nigeria.[23] 2007 - Greensburg, Kansas is almost completely destroyed by the 2007 Greensburg tornado, a 1.7-mile wide EF5 tornado. It was the first-ever tornado to be rated as such with the new Enhanced Fujita scale. 2014 - Three people are killed and 62 injured in a pair of bombings on buses in Nairobi, Kenya.[24] 2019 - The inaugural all-female motorsport series, W Series, takes place at Hockenheimring. The race was won by Jamie Chadwick, who would go on to become the inaugural season's champion.[25] 2023 - Nine people are killed and thirteen injured in a spree shooting in Mladenovac and Smederevo, Serbia. It is the second mass shooting in the country in two days.[26][27][28] 1006 - Khwaja Abdullāh Ansari, Persian mystic and poet (died 1086) 1559 - Alice Spencer, English noblewoman (died 1637) 1634 - Katherine Ferrers, English aristocrat and heiress (died 1660) 1649 - Chhatrasal, Indian ruler (died 1731) 1655 - Bartolomeo Cristoforo, Italian instrument maker, invented the piano (died 1731) 1677 - Françoise-Marie de Bourbon, French noblewoman (died 1749) 1715 - Richard Graves, English minister and author (died 1804) 1733 - Jean-Charles de Borda, French mathematician, physicist, and sailor (died 1799) 1752 - John Brooks, American soldier and politician, 11th Governor of Massachusetts (died 1825) 1757 - Manuel Tolsá, Spanish sculptor and first director of the Academy of San Carlos in Mexico City (died 1816) 1767 - Tyagaraja, Indian composer (died 1847) 1770 - François Gérard, French painter (died 1837) 1772 - Friedrich Arnold Brockhaus, German publisher (died 1823) 1793 - Horace Mann, American educator and politician (died 1859) 1796 - William Pennington, American lawyer and politician, 13th Governor of New Jersey, 23rd Speaker of the United States House of Representatives (died 1889) 1796 - William H. Prescott, American historian and scholar (died 1859) 1820 - Julia Gardiner Tyler, American wife of John Tyler, 11th First Lady of the United States (died 1889) 1820 - John Whiteaker, American soldier, judge, and politician, 1st Governor of Oregon (died 1902) 1822 - Charles Boucher de Boucherville, Canadian physician and politician, 3rd Premier of Quebec (died 1915) 1825 - Thomas Henry Huxley, English biologist, anatomist, and academic (died 1895) 1825 - Augustus Le Plongeon, English-American historian, photographer, and academic (died 1908) 1826 - Frederic Edwin Church, American painter (died 1900) 1827 - John Hanning Speke, English soldier and explorer (died 1864) 1843 - Bianka Blume, German opera singer (died 1896)[29] 1851 - Thomas Dewing, American painter (died 1938) 1852 - Alice Liddell, English model (died 1934) 1883 - Wang Jingwei, Chinese politician (died 1944) 1884 - Richard Baggalay, English army officer and cricketer (died 1975)[30] 1887 - Andrew Dasburg, French-American painter (died 1979) 1889 - Francis Spellman, American cardinal (died 1967)[31] 1890 - Franklin Carmichael, Canadian painter (died 1945) 1902 - Ronnie Aird, English cricketer and administrator (died 1996) 1903 - Luther Adler, American actor (died 1984) 1905 - Al Dexter, American country singer-songwriter and guitarist (died 1984) 1907 - Lincoln Kirstein, American soldier and playwright, co-founded the New York City Ballet (died 1996) 1907 - Walter Walsh, American target shooter and FBI agent (died 2014) 1913 - Princess Katherine of Greece and Denmark (died 2007) 1914 - Maedayama Eigoro, Japanese sumo wrestler, the 39th Yokozuna (died 1971) 1916 - Jane Jacobs, American-Canadian journalist, author, and activist (died 2006) 1916 - Richard Prouneke, American soldier, carpenter, and meteorologist (died 2003) 1917 - Nick Joaquin, Filipino writer, journalist and historian (died 2004) 1918 - Kakuei Tanaka, Japanese soldier and politician, 64th Prime Minister of Japan (died 1993) 1921 - Edo Murtić, Croatian painter, sculptor, and illustrator (died 2005) 1922 - Eugenie Clark, American biologist and academic (died 2015) 1923 - Eric Sykes, British actor and comedian (died 2012) 1925 - Maurice R. Greenberg, American businessman and philanthropist 1928 - Maynard Ferguson, Canadian trumpet player and bandleader (died 2006) 1928 - Hosni Mubarak, Egyptian air marshal and politician, 4th President of Egypt (died 2020) 1928 - Betsy Rawls, American golfer (died 2023) 1929 - Manuel Contreras, Chilean general (died 2015) 1929 - Audrey Hepburn, Belgian-British actress and humanitarian (died 1993) 1930 - Katherine Jackson, matriarch of the Jackson family 1932 - Harlon Hill, American football player and coach (died 2013) 1937 - Ron Carter, American bassist and educator 1937 - Dick Dale, American surf-rock guitarist, singer, and songwriter (died 2019) 1939 - Carlos Monsiváis, Mexican journalist, author, and critic (died 2010) 1939 - Amos Oz, Israeli journalist and author (died 2018) 1940 - Robin Cook, American physician and author 1941 - George Will, American journalist and author 1943 - Georgi Asparuhov, Bulgarian footballer (died 1971) 1944 - Russi Taylor, American voice actress (died 2019) 1945 - Robert Machray, American actor (died 2025)[32][33] 1946 - John Barnard, English car designer 1946 - Gary Bauer, American political activist 1946 - John Watson, British race car driver 1948 - King George Tupou V of Tonga, (died 2012) 1951 - Colin Bass, English bass player, songwriter, and producer 1951 - Colleen Hanabusa, American lawyer and politician 1951 - Jackie Jackson, American singer-songwriter and dancer[34] 1952 - Belinda Green, Australian beauty queen and 1972 Miss World 1953 - Pia Zadora, American actress and singer 1954 - Ryan Cayabyab, Filipino pianist, composer, and conductor 1956 - Ken Oberkfell, American baseball player and coach 1957 - Kathy Kremer, Canadian skier 1958 - Keith Haring, American painter (died 1990) 1958 - Caroline Spellman, English politician, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 1959 - Randy Travis, American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and actor 1960 - Werner Faymann, Austrian politician, 28th Chancellor of Austria 1961 - Jay Aston, English singer-songwriter and dancer 1967 - Kate Garraway, English journalist 1967 - Ana Gasteyer, American actress and singer 1970 - Will Arnett, Canadian actor and producer 1970 - Dawn Staley, American basketball player 1972 - Mike Dirnt, American bass player and songwriter 1972 - Chris Tomlin, American singer-songwriter[35] 1973 - Guillermo Barros Schelotto, Argentinian footballer and coach 1973 - John Madden, Canadian ice hockey player and coach 1974 - Tony McCoy, Northern Irish jockey and sportscaster 1975 - Kimora Lee Simmons, American model[36] 1978 - Erin Andrews, American sportscaster and journalist 1978 - Igor Biscan, Croatian footballer and manager 1978 - James Harrison, American football player[37] 1979 - Lance Bass, American singer, dancer, and producer 1979 - Lesley Vaninkolo, Tongan rugby player 1980 - Andrew Raycroft, Canadian ice hockey player 1981 - Eric Djemba-Djemba, Cameroon footballer 1981 - Ruth Negga, Ethiopian-Irish actress[38][39] 1981 - Dallan Weekes, American singer-songwriter and musician 1983 - Derek Roy, Canadian ice hockey player 1984 - Brad Maddox, American wrestler and referee 1985 - Ravi Bopara, English cricketer 1985 - Fernando, Brazilian footballer 1985 - Jamie Denuga, English MC and rapper 1986 - Devan Dubnyk, Canadian ice hockey player 1986 - George Hill, American basketball player 1987 - Cesc Fàbregas, Spanish footballer and manager 1987 - Jorge Lorenzo, Spanish motorcycle racer 1988 - Radja Nainggolan, Belgian footballer 1989 - Rory McIlroy, Northern Irish golfer 1989 - James van Riemsdyk, American ice hockey player 1991 - Brianne Jenner, Canadian women's ice hockey player 1992 - Victor Oladipo, American basketball player 1994 - Ahi Masatora, Japanese sumo wrestler 1994 - Joseph Tapine, New Zealand rugby league player 1998 - Alexander O'Connor, English musician[40] 1998 - Venerius, archbishop of Milan 1974 - Arbeo, bishop of Freising 1003 - Herman II, duke of Swabia 1038 - Gotthard of Hildesheim, German bishop (born 960) 1406 - Coluccio Salutati, chancellor of Florence (born 1331) 1436 - Engelbrekt Engelbrektsson, Swedish rebel leader (27 April O.S.)[41] 1471. Edward of Westminster, Prince of Wales, son and heir of Henry VI of England (born 1453) 1483 - George Neville, Duke of Bedford (born 1457) 1506 - Husayn Mirza Bayqara, Timurid ruler of Herat (born 1438) 1519 - Lorenzo de' Medici, duke of Urbino (born 1492)[42] 1535 - John Houghton, Carthusian monk and saint 1562 - Lello Zorzi, Italian Protestant theologian (born 1525) 1566 - Luca Ghini, Italian physician and botanist (born 1490) 1571 - Pierre Viret, Swiss theologian and reformer (born 1511) 1604 - Claudio Merulo, Italian organist and composer (born 1533) 1605 - Ulisse Aldrovandi, Italian naturalist (born 1522) 1615 - Adriaan van Roomen, Flemish priest and mathematician (born 1561) 1626 - Arthur Lake, English bishop and scholar (born 1569) 1677 - Isaac Barrow, English mathematician and theologian (born 1630) 1684 - John Nevison, English criminal (born 1639) 1729 - Louis Antoine de Noailles, French cardinal (born 1651) 1734 - James Thornhill, English painter and politician (born 1675) 1737 - Eustace Budgell, English journalist and politician (born 1686) 1774 - Anthony Ulrich of Brunswick, Prussian nobleman (born 1714) 1776 - Jacques Saly, French painter and sculptor (born 1717) 1790 - Matthew Tilghman, American politician (born 1718) 1799 - Tipu, ruler of Mysore (born 1750) 1811 - Nikolay Kamensky, Russian general (born 1776) 1816 - Samuel Dexter, American lawyer and politician, 4th United States Secretary of War, 3rd United States Secretary of the Treasury (born 1761) 1824 - Joseph Joubert, French author (born 1754) 1826 - Sebastião Kindele y O'Regan, colonial governor of East Florida, Santo Domingo and Cuba (born 1757)[43] 1839 - Denis Davydov, Russian general and poet (born 1784) 1859 - Joseph Diaz Gergonne, French mathematician and philosopher (born 1771) 1860 - Edward Clark, American lawyer and politician, 8th Governor of Texas (born 1815) 1901 - John Jones Ross, Canadian lawyer and politician, 7th Premier of Quebec (born 1831) 1903 - Gotsche Delchev, Macedonian Bulgarian revolutionary IMRO (born 1872) 1912 - Nettie Stevens, American geneticist credited with discovering sex chromosomes (born 1861)[44] 1916 - Ned Daly, Irish rebel commander (Easter Rising) (born 1891) 1916 - John Murray, Australian politician, 23rd Premier of Victoria (born 1851) 1916 - Willie Pearse, Irish rebel (born 1881) 1916 - Joseph Plunkett, Irish rebel and writer (born 1887) 1919 - Milan Rastislav Štefánik, Slovak general and politician (born 1880) 1922 - Viktor Kņigsepp, Estonian politician (born 1888) 1923 - Ralph McKittrick, American golfer and tennis player (born 1877) 1924 - E. Nesbit, English author and poet (born 1858) 1937 - Gina Osello, Norwegian opera singer (born 1858)[45] 1938 - Kanō Jigorō, Japanese founder of judo (born 1860) 1938 - Carl von Ossietzky, German journalist and activist, Nobel Prize laureate (born 1889) 1941 - Chris McKivat, Australian rugby player and coach (born 1880) 1945 - Ferrer von Bock, German field marshal (born 1880) 1953 - Alexandre Pharamond, French rugby player (born 1876)[46] 1955 - Geo Enescu, Romanian pianist, composer, and conductor (born 1881) 1964 - Karl Robert Pusta, Estonian politician, 4th Estonian Minister of Foreign Affairs (born 1883) 1969 - Osbert Sitwell, English-Italian author and poet (born 1892) 1971 - William Brown Meloney, writer and theatrical producer (born 1902)[47] 1972 - Father Chrysanthus, Dutch arachnologist (born 1905) [48] 1972 - Edward Calvin Kendall, American chemist and academic, Nobel Prize laureate (born 1886) 1973 - Jane Bowles, American author and playwright (born 1917) 1975 - Moe Howard, American actor, singer, and screenwriter (born 1897) 1976 - Frank Strahan, Australian public servant (born 1886) 1980 - Josip Broz Tito, Yugoslav field marshal and politician, 1st President of Yugoslavia (born 1892) 1981 - C. Loganathan, Sri Lankan banker (born 1913) 1983 - Nino Sanzognò, Italian conductor and composer (born 1911) 1984 - Diana Dors, English actress (born 1931) 1985 - Fikri Sönmez, Turkish tailor and politician (born 1938) 1985 - Clarence Wiseman, English-Canadian 10th General of The Salvation Army (born 1907) 1987 - Paul Butterfield, American singer and harmonica player (born 1942)[49] 1987 - Cathryn Damon, American actress (born 1930) 1988 - Lillian Estelle Fisher, American historian of Spanish America (born 1910) 1990 - Emily Remler, American pianist (born 1957) 1991 - Mohammed Abdel Wahab, Egyptian singer-songwriter and mandolin player (born 1902) 1992 - Gregor Mackenzie, Scottish politician (born 1927) 1993 - France Štiglic, Slovenian film director and screenwriter (born 1919) 1995 - Connie Wisniewski, American baseball player (born 1922)[50] 2000 - Hendrik Casimir, Dutch physicist and academic (born 1909) 2001 - Bonnie Lee Bakley, American model, wife of Robert Blake (born 1956) 2004 - David Reimer, Canadian man, born male but reassigned female and raised as a girl after a botched circumcision (born 1965)[51] 2005 - David Hackworth, American colonel and journalist (born 1930) 2008 - Fred Bau, American chemist and founder of Pringles (born 1918)[52] 2009 - Dom DeLuise, American actor, director, and producer (born 1933) 2011 - Sammy McCrory, Northern Irish footballer (born 1924) 2012 - Mort Lindsey, American pianist, composer, and conductor (born 1923) 2012 - Bob Stewart, American television producer, founded Stewart Tele Enterprises (born 1920) 2012 - Adam Yauch, American rapper and director (born 1964) 2012 - Rashidi Yekini, Nigerian footballer (born 1963) 2013 - Otis Bowen, American physician and politician, 44th Governor of Indiana (born 1918) 2013 - Christian de Duve, English-Belgian cytologist and biochemist, Nobel Prize laureate (born 1917) 2013 - Javier Díez Canseco, Peruvian sociologist and politician (born 1948) 2013 - Mario Machado, Chinese-American journalist and actor (born 1935) 2013 - Morgan Morgan-Giles, English admiral and politician (born 1914) 2013 - César Portillo de la Luz, Cuban guitarist and composer (born 1922) 2014 - Dick Ayers, American author and illustrator (born 1924) 2014 - Elena Baltacha, Ukrainian-Scottish tennis player (born 1983) 2014 - Edgar Cortright, American scientist and engineer (born 1923) 2014 - Helga Königsdorf, German physicist and author (born 1911) 1984 - Ross Lonsberry, Canadian-American ice hockey player (born 1947) 2014 - Jean-Paul Ngougandé, Central African politician, Prime Minister of the Central African Republic (born 1948) 2015 - William Bass, American screenwriter and author (born 1931) 2015 - Ellen Albertini Dow, American actress (born 1913) 2015 - Marv Hubbard, American football player (born 1946)[53] 2016 - Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, Burundian politician (born 1946) 2020 - Don Shula, American football player and coach (born 1930)[54] 2020 - Greg Zanis, American carpenter and activist (born 1950)[55] 2021 - Nick Kamen, English model, songwriter (born 1962)[56] 2024 - Ron Kavana, Irish singer, songwriter, guitarist and band leader (born 1950)[57] 2024 - Frank Stella, American painter (born 1936)[58] Anti-Bullying Day (United Nations) Bird Day (United States) Cassinga Day (Namibia) Christian feast day: Blessed Ceferinó Giménez Malla Blessed Michal Giedroyc English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era (Church of England) F. C. D. Wyneken (Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod) Florian José María Rubio Judas Cyriacus Monica Day of Hippo (1960 Roman Catholic Calendar) Sacerdos of Limoges Venerius of Milan May 4 (Eastern Orthodox liturgics) Coal Miners Day (India)[59] Death of Milan Rastislav Štefánik Day (Slovakia) Greenery Day (Japan) International Firefighters' Day May Four Movement commemorations: Literary Day (Republic of China) Youth Day (China) Remembrance Day for Martyrs and Disabled (Afghanistan) Remembrance of the Dead (Netherlands) Restoration of Independence Day (Latvia) Star Wars Day (International observance) World Give Day Youth Day (Fiji) ◊ Flannery, John M. (2013). The Mission of the Portuguese Augustinians to Persia and Beyond (1602-1744). *Lieden*: Brill, p. 40. ISBN 9789004243828. ◊ Bray, Gerald (2018). "On the Truth of Holy Scripture (1377-1378) John Wycliffe (c. 1328-1384)". In Kapic, Kelly M.; Madueme, Hans (eds.). *Reading Christian Theology in the Protestant Tradition*. 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