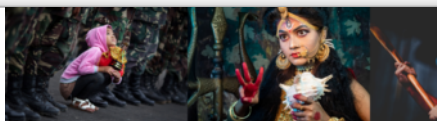




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escutcheon design

The **Benty Grange hanging bowl** is a fragmentary **Anglo-Saxon** artefact from the seventh century CE. All that remains are parts of two escutcheons: bronze frames that are usually circular and elaborately decorated, and that sit along the outside of the rim or at the interior base of a **hanging bowl**. A third disintegrated soon after excavation. The escutcheons were found in 1848 by an **antiquary**, **Thomas Bateman**, in a **tumulus** in north-western **Derbyshire**. The grave also contained the boar-crested **Benty Grange helmet**. The surviving escutcheons are made of **enamelled** bronze and are 40 mm (1.6 in) in diameter. They show three dolphin-like creatures arranged in a circle, each biting the tail of the one ahead of it (*design shown*). Their bodies and the background are made of enamel, likely all yellow, with the creatures' outlines and eyes tinned or silvered, as are the borders of the escutcheons. The third escutcheon was of a different size and style and it may have originally been placed at the bottom of the bowl. (**Full article...**)

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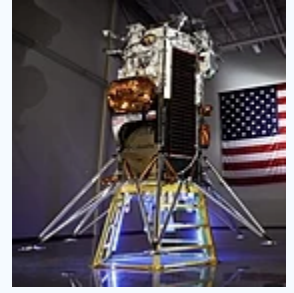


Poster for *Stenka Razin* (1908)

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- Russian opposition leader **Alexei Navalny** **dies** in a **corrective labor colony** near **Kharp**, at the age of 47.
- In **American football**, the **Kansas City Chiefs** defeat the **San Francisco 49ers** to win **the Super Bowl**.



Odysseus lunar lander

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- 1933 – **USS Ranger** (*pictured*), the **United States Navy's** first purpose-built **aircraft carrier**, was launched.
- 1951 – After being postponed due to World War II, **the inaugural Pan American Games** opened in **Buenos Aires**, Argentina.
- 1994 – Israeli physician **Baruch Goldstein** **opened fire** on Palestinian Muslims praying at the mosque in **Hebron's Cave of the Patriarchs**, killing 29 people and wounding 125 others.
- 2009 – At their headquarters in **Pilkhana**, members of the **Bangladesh Rifles** began **a mutiny** that resulted in 82 deaths.



USS Ranger

Emma Catherine Embury (b. 1806) · **Elizabeth Gertrude Britton** (d. 1934) · **Divya Bharti** (b. 1974) · **Don Bradman** (d. 2001)

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