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## From today's featured article



Freddy Fazbear cosplayer (right)

***Five Nights at Freddy's*** is a 2014 [survival horror](#) game developed by [Scott Cawthon](#). The player takes the role of Mike Schmidt, a night security guard at a family pizzeria. Schmidt must complete his shifts without being caught by the homicidal [animatronic](#) characters (*Freddy Fazbear cosplayer pictured*) that wander the restaurant at night. Cawthon conceived *Five Nights at Freddy's* based on criticism of *Chipper & Sons Lumber Co.*, his previous game. Reviewers complained of its unintentionally frightening characters, inspiring Cawthon to create an intentionally scarier experience. *Five Nights at Freddy's* was first released for [Windows](#) on August 8, 2014. It received positive reviews, and became the subject of [Let's Play](#) videos on [YouTube](#), gaining a large fan following. The game's success inspired [its own media franchise](#), and its popularity led to thousands of imitations and [fan games](#). A film adaptation by Blumhouse Productions was released in 2023. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that a variety of the [Connecticut field pumpkin](#) is known as "the original commercial jack-o'-lantern pumpkin"?
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Kalle Rovannerä

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- **1917** – **World War I**: **Allied** forces defeated Turkish troops in **Beersheba** in Southern **Palestine** at the **Battle of Beersheba**, with the battle involving one of the last successful **cavalry charges**.
- **1941** – More than 101 crew members of the **USS Reuben James** perished when their vessel became the first **U.S. Navy** ship sunk by hostile action during **World War II** after it was torpedoed by the German submarine **U-552**.
- **1963** – **A gas explosion** at the **Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum** in Indianapolis killed 81 people and injured about 400 others.
- **2003** – After 22 years in power, **Tun Mahathir Mohamad** retired as **Prime Minister of Malaysia**.
- **2015** – Shortly after takeoff, **Metrojet Flight 9268** (pictured) exploded and then crashed into the **Sinai Peninsula**, killing all 224 people on board.



Metrojet Flight 9268

**Cosimo III de' Medici, Grand Duke of Tuscany** (d. 1723) · **Muriel Duckworth** (b. 1908) · **William Evans-Gordon** (d. 1913) · **Gordon Steege** (b. 1917)

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Corvo, Faial, Flores, Pico, Santa Maria, São Jorge, São Miguel, and Terceira), where it occurs at altitudes of 240 to 800 m, and in rare cases up to 1,500 m. It is closely related to *J. oxycedrus*, the prickly juniper, and *J. cedrus*, the Canary Islands juniper. *J. brevifolia* is a shrub or small tree growing to a height of 6 m and a trunk diameter up to 50 cm. The leaves are evergreen, needle-like, in whorls of three, glaucous green, 4 to 10 mm long, with a double white stomatal band on the inner surface. It is dioecious, with separate male and female plants. The seed cones are berry-like, green ripening in 18 months to orange-red with a variable pink waxy coating. The plant is threatened due to habitat fragmentations of its preferred habitat (laurel forest), caused by island colonization and grazing pressures. These *J. brevifolia* trees were photographed in the Special Protection Area of Zona Central do Pico.

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