March 23

March 23 is the 82nd day of the year (83rd in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 283 days remaining until the end of the year.

Events

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Up to 1900

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- 752 Stephen II becomes Pope.
- 1400 The Tran Dynasty of Vietnam is deposed after 175 years in power, by Ho Quy Ly, a court official.
- 1568 Peace of Longjumeau ends the Second War of Religion in France. Again Catherine of Medici and Charles IX of France make substantial concessions to the Huguenots.
- 1708 James Francis Edward Stuart lands at the Firth of Forth.

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Revolutionary War: Patrick Henry delivers his famous speech – "give me liberty or give me death" at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia.

- <u>1801</u> <u>Tsar Paul I of Russia</u> is struck with a sword, then <u>strangled</u>, and finally trampled to death in his bedroom at St. Michael Palace.
- <u>1806</u> After traveling through the <u>Louisiana Purchase</u> and reaching the <u>Pacific Ocean</u>, explorers <u>Lewis and Clark</u> and their "Corps of Discovery" begin their arduous journey home.
- 1821 <u>Greek War of Independence</u>: <u>Battle of Kalamata</u> and fall of the city of <u>Kalamata</u>.
- <u>1839</u> First recorded use of "<u>OK</u>" as an abbreviation for "oll korrect" in the <u>Boston Morning Post</u>.
- <u>1848</u> The ship *John Wickliffe* arrives at <u>Port Chalmers</u> carrying the first Scottish settlers for <u>Dunedin</u>, <u>New Zealand</u>. <u>Otago</u> province is founded.
- <u>1848</u> <u>Venice</u> declares independence from <u>Austria</u>. This leads to the creation of the <u>Republic</u> of San Marco, under <u>Prime Minister Daniele</u> <u>Manin</u>, which lasts until <u>August 23</u>, <u>1849</u>.
- <u>1857</u> <u>Elisha Otis</u>'s first <u>elevator</u> is installed at 488 Broadway, <u>New York City</u>.
- 1862 American Civil War: First Battle of Kernstown start of Stonewall Jackson's valley campaign.
- <u>1868</u> The <u>University of California</u> is founded in <u>Oakland, California</u> when the Organic Act is signed into law.
- <u>1879</u> <u>War of the Pacific</u>: The <u>Battle of Topater</u>, the first major <u>battle</u> of the war, is fought between <u>Chile</u> and the joint forces of <u>Peru</u> and <u>Bolivia</u>.
- 1888 In England, the Football League first meets.
- 1889 Land run: President Benjamin Harrison opens Oklahoma to white settlement starting on April 22.
- 1889 The free Woolwich Ferry officially opens in east London.

1901 - 2000

- 1901 President of the Philippines Emilio Aguinaldo is captured by US forces.
- <u>1903</u> The <u>Wright Brothers</u> apply for a <u>patent</u> on their invention of one of the first successful <u>airplanes</u> after much hard work.
- 1905 Eleftherios Venizelos calls for Crete's union with Greece.
- 1909 Theodore Roosevelt leaves New York for a post-presidency safari in Africa. The trip is sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and National Geographic Society.
- 1918 World War I: Third day of the German Spring Offensive the 10th Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment is heavily defeated, with many being taken prisoner.
- 1919 In Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini founds his Fascist political movement.
- 1931 Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt are hanged during the Indian struggle for independence. Their request to be shot by a firing squad is refused.
- 1933 The *Reichstag* passes the <u>Enabling Act</u>, making <u>Adolf Hitler</u> dictator of <u>Germany</u>.
- <u>1935</u> Signing of the <u>Constitution</u> of the Commonwealth of the <u>Philippines</u>.
- 1937 Spanish Civil War: Republican forces have their last major victory of the war in the Battle of Guadalajara.
- 1939 The <u>Hungarian</u> air force attacks the headquarters of the <u>Slovakian</u> air force in the city of Spisska Nova Ves, killing 13 people.
- 1940 The <u>Lahore Resolution</u> (Qarardad-e-Pakistan or the then Qarardad-e-Lahore) is put forward at the Annual General Convention of the <u>All India Muslim League</u>.
- 1942 World War II: In the <u>Indian Ocean</u>, <u>Japanese</u> forces capture the Andaman Islands.
- 1950 World Meteorological Organization is founded.
- 1956 Pakistan becomes the first Islamic Republic in the world.
- 1962 NS Savannah, the first nuclear-powered cargo-passenger ship, was launched as a showcase for Dwight D. Eisenhower's Atoms for Peace initiative.
- 1963 In London, United Kingdom, Grethe & Jørgen Ingmann win the eighth Eurovision Song Contest for Denmark singing "Dansevise" (Dancing tune).
- <u>1965</u> <u>NASA</u> launches <u>Gemini 3</u>, the <u>United States</u>' first two-man space flight (crew: <u>Gus Grissom</u> and <u>John Young</u>).
- 1972 The <u>United Tasmania Front</u> is founded in <u>Hobart</u>, <u>Tasmania</u>, led by <u>Richard Jones</u>, as the world's first "<u>Green Party</u>".
- <u>1978</u> The first <u>UNIFIL</u> troops arrived in <u>Lebanon</u> for <u>peacekeeping</u> mission along the Blue Line.
- 1982 Guatemala's government, led by Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia is overthrown in a military coup by right-wing General Efrain Rios Montt.
- 1983 Strategic Defense Initiative: US President Ronald Reagan makes his initial proposal to develop technology to intercept enemy missiles.

- 1989 Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann announce cold fusion at the <u>University of Utah</u>.
- 1989 A 1,000-foot diameter Near-Earth asteroid misses the Earth by 400,000 miles.
- 1991 The 11-year Sierra Leone Civil War begins.
- 1994 At an election rally in <u>Tijuana</u>, <u>Mexican</u> presidential candidate <u>Luis Donaldo Colosio</u> is assassinated by <u>Mario Aburto Martinez</u>.
- 1994 Aeroflot Flight 593 crashes in <u>Siberia</u>, when the <u>pilot</u>'s 15-yearold son accidentally disengages the autopilot, killing all 75 people on board.
- <u>1996</u> <u>Taiwan</u> holds its <u>first direct elections</u> and chooses <u>Lee Teng-hui</u> as President.
- 1998 James Cameron's movie *Titanic* wins several <u>Academy Awards</u> on one night, making it one of <u>Hollywood</u>'s most successful movies ever.
- 1999 Gunmen assassinate <u>Paraguay</u>'s Vice President <u>Luis María Argaña</u>.

From 2001

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- 2001 The Russian *Mir* space station is disposed of, breaking up in the atmosphere before falling into the southern Pacific Ocean near Fiji.
- 2001 The World Wrestling Federation (WWF) (now World Wrestling Entertainment) purchases rival organization World Championship Wrestling (WCW) for an estimated \$5 million.
- 2003 In Nasiriyah, Iraq, 18 U.S. Marines are killed during the first major conflict of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- 2003 In Slovenia, referendums are held on memberships of the EU and NATO, with a majority in favor of both proposals.
- 2004 Andhra Pradesh Federation of Trade Unions holds its first conference in Hyderabad, India.
- <u>2005</u> The United States <u>11th Circuit Court of Appeals</u>, in a 2-1 decision, refuses to order the reinsertion of <u>Terri Schiavo</u>'s feeding tube.
- <u>2013</u> <u>Pope Francis</u> meets former <u>Pope Benedict XVI</u> at Castel Gandolfo, <u>Italy</u>, making it the first such meeting between a <u>Pope</u> and a former Pope.
- 2015 A multi-vehicle pile-up, including a bus crash, kills 36 people in Harmey, 320 kilometers north of Lima.

Births

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Up to 1900

- 1429 Margaret of Anjou, Queen Consort of England (d. 1482)
- 1501 Pietro Andrea Mattioli, Italian physician and botanist (d. 1577)

- 1599 Thomas Selle, German composer (d. 1663)
- 1638 Frederik Ruysch, Dutch physician and anatomist (d. 1731)
- 1643 Mary of Jesus de Leon y Delgado, Spanish saint (d. 1731)
- 1645 William Kidd, Scottish sailor (d. 1701)
- 1723 Agha Mohammad Khan Ghajar, King of Persia (d. 1771)
- 1732 Marie Adelaide of France (d. 1800)
- <u>1749</u> <u>Pierre-Simon Laplace</u>, French <u>mathematician</u> and <u>astronomer</u> (d. 1827)
- 1754 Jurij Vega, Slovenian mathematician, physicist and artillery officer (d. 1802)
- 1769 William Smith, English geologist (d. 1839)
- 1795 Bernt Michael Holmboe, Norwegian mathematician (d. 1850)
- 1799 Joshua Baker, Governor of Louisiana (d. 1885)
- <u>1814</u> <u>Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, Cuban writer, poet and activist</u> (d. <u>1873</u>)
- 1823 Schuyler Colfax, 17th Vice President of the United States (d. 1885)
- <u>1826</u> <u>Ludwig Minkus</u>, Austrian <u>ballet composer</u>, <u>violin</u> virtuoso and teacher (d. 1917)
- 1829 N. R. Pogson, English astronomer and mathematician (d. 1891)
- 1831 Eduard Schlagintweit, German writer (d. 1866)
- <u>1854</u> <u>Alfred Milner, 1st Viscount Milner</u>, British politician (d. <u>1925</u>)
- <u>1858</u> <u>Ludwig Quidde</u>, German pacifist, <u>Nobel Peace Prize</u> winner (d. 1941)
- 1862 Nathaniel Reed, American outlaw-turned-evangelist (d. 1950)
- <u>1869</u> <u>Calouste Gulbenkian</u>, Armenian businessman and philanthropist (d. <u>1955</u>)
- 1871 Heinrich Schroth, German actor (d. 1945)
- 1872 Michael Joseph Savage, 23rd Prime Minister of New Zealand (d. 1940)
- 1876 Ziya Gökalp, Turkish sociologist, poet and activist (d. 1924)
- <u>1876</u> <u>Thakin Kodaw Hmaing</u>, Burmese <u>poet</u>, <u>writer</u> and <u>politician</u> (d. <u>1964</u>)
- 1880 Heikki Ritavuori, Finnish politician (d. 1922)
- 1881 Roger Martin du Gard, French writer (d. 1958)
- 1881 Hermann Staudinger, German chemist (d. 1965)
- 1881 Lacey Hearn, American athlete and sprinter (d. 1969)
- 1882 Emmy Noether, German mathematician (d. 1935)
- <u>1887</u> <u>Juan Gris</u>, Spanish <u>Cubist</u> painter (d. <u>1927</u>)
- 1887 Felix Yusupov, Russian, assassin of Grigori Rasputin (d. 1967)
- 1893 G. D. Naidu, Indian inventor and engineer (d. 1974)
- 1895 Encarnacion Alzona, Filipino historian and educator (d. 2001)
- <u>1895</u> <u>Dane Rudhyar</u>, French-American astrologer, writer and composer (d. <u>1985</u>)
- 1899 Dora Gerson, German actress and singer (d. 1943)
- 1900 Erich Fromm, German-born psychoanalyst (d. 1980)

1901 - 1950

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• 1904 - German Busch, President of Bolivia (d. 1939)

- 1905 Lale Andersen, German singer and actress (d. 1972)
- 1905 Joan Crawford, American actress (d. 1977)
- 1906 José Della Torre, Argentine footballer (d. 1979)
- 1907 Daniel Boyet, Swiss scientist (d. 1992)
- <u>1910</u> <u>Akira Kurosawa</u>, Japanese movie director (d. <u>1998</u>)
- 1912 Wernher von Braun, German physicist and engineer (d. 1977)
- <u>1915</u> <u>Vasily Zaytsev</u>, Soviet World War II figure (d. <u>1991</u>)
- 1915 Thomas Pashby, Canadian advocate for safety in ice hockey (d. 2005)
- 1918 Stanley Armour Dunham, Barack Obama's grandfather (d. 1992)
- 1918 Emile Derlin Zinsou, former President of Benin
- 1920 Tetsuharu Kawakami, Japanese baseball player and coach
- 1921 Donald Campbell, British car and motorboat racer (d. 1967)
- <u>1922</u> <u>Marty Allen</u>, American comedian and actor
- 1922 Ugo Tognazzi, Italian actor, director and screenwriter (d. 1990)
- 1923 Martha Wright, American actress (d. 2016)
- 1924 Bette Nesmith Graham, American inventor (d. 1980)
- 1925 David Watkin, British cinematographer (d. 2008)
- 1929 Roger Bannister, British runner
- <u>1931</u> <u>Yevgeny Grishin</u>, Russian speed skater (d. <u>2005</u>)
- <u>1931</u> <u>Viktor Korchnoi</u>, Russian <u>chess</u> player
- 1931 Yevdokiya Mekshilo, Russian skier (d. 2013)
- 1932 Louisiana Red, American blues musician (d. 2012)
- 1934 Ludvig Faddeev, Russian mathematician and physicist
- 1934 Mark Rydell, American director
- 1935 Barry Cryer, British writer and comedian
- 1937 Ibrahim Abouleish, Egyptian chemist and businessman
- <u>1937</u> <u>Craig Breedlove</u>, American land speed record holder
- 1937 Tony Burton, American actor (d. 2016)
- 1937 Robert Gallo, American virologist
- 1938 Dave Pike, American jazz musician
- 1940 Ama Ata Aidoo, Ghanaian writer, playwright and academic
- 1942 Michael Haneke, Austrian movie maker and writer
- 1942 Walter Rodney, Guyanese historian and politician
- 1944 Tony McPhee, British singer and guitarist
- 1944 Michael Nyman, British composer
- 1945 Franco Battiato, Italian singer, songwriter and movie maker
- 1945 David Grisman, American bluegrass musician
- 1945 Erik De Vlaeminck, Belgian cyclist (d. 2015)
- 1950 Valgerdur Sverrisdottir, Icelandic politician
- <u>1950</u> <u>Mike Easley</u>, American politician, former <u>Governor</u> of <u>North</u> <u>Carolina</u>
- 1950 Corinne Cléry, French actress

1951 - 1975

- 1952 Francesco Clemente, Italian artist
- 1952 Pola Kinski, German actress
- 1952 Kim Stanley Robinson, American writer

- 1952 Rex Tillerson, 69th <u>United States Secretary of State</u> and former Chief Executive of ExxonMobil
- <u>1953</u> <u>Chaka Khan</u>, American singer
- 1955 Moses Malone, American basketball player (d. 2015)
- <u>1956</u> <u>José Manuel Barroso</u>, Portuguese politician, former <u>President</u> of the <u>European Commission</u>
- 1956 Andrew Mitchell, British politician
- 1957 Lucio Gutiérrez, former President of Ecuador
- 1957 Amanda Plummer, American actress
- 1958 Bengt-Ake Gustafsson, Swedish ice hockey player and coach
- 1958 Serena Grandi, Italian actress
- 1958 Eldon Hoke, American singer and drummer (d. 1997)
- 1960 Nicol Stephen, Scottish politician
- <u>1961</u> <u>Colin Pitchfork</u>, English murderer
- 1962 Bassel al-Assad, Syrian engineer, colonel and politician (d. 1994)
- <u>1962</u> <u>Steve Redgrave</u>, English rower, five-time Olympic champion
- 1963 Michel, Spanish footballer
- <u>1964</u> <u>Hope Davis</u>, American actress
- 1964 John Pinette, American comedian and actor (d. 2014)
- 1965 Ionathan Dow, British actor
- 1965 Marti Pellow, Scottish singer
- 1965 Richard Grieco, American actor
- 1965 Steve Turner, American rock musician
- 1966 Alfred Nijhuis, Dutch footballer
- 1968 Damon Albarn, British singer (Blur)
- <u>1968</u> <u>Fernando Hierro</u>, Spanish <u>footballer</u>
- 1968 Mike Atherton, English cricketer
- 1970 Melissa Errico, American actress and singer
- 1970 Gianni Infantino, 9th President of FIFA
- 1971 Gail Porter, Scottish television presenter
- 1971 Alexander Selivanov, Russian ice hockey player
- 1971 Karen McDougal, American model and actress
- 1972 Joe Calzaghe, Welsh boxer
- 1972 Ionas Biorkman, Swedish tennis player
- 1973 Jerzy Dudek, Polish footballer
- 1973 <u>Iason Kidd</u>, American <u>basketball</u> player

From 1976

- <u>1976</u> <u>Chris Hoy</u>, Scottish cyclist, six-time Olympic champion
- 1976 Michelle Monaghan, American actress
- 1976 Keri Russell, American actress
- 1978 Walter Samuel, Argentine footballer
- 1978 Perez Hilton, American blogger
- 1978 Nicholle Tom, American actress
- 1980 Russell Howard, English comedian
- 1980 Ryan Day, Welsh snooker player
- 1981 Shelley Rudman, English skeleton bobsledder
- 1982 <u>José Raul Contreras</u>, Chilean footballer

- 1983 Mo Farah, British track-and-field athlete, four-time Olympic gold medallist
- 1983 Sascha Riether, German footballer
- 1983 Jerome Thomas, English footballer
- 1983 Hakan Balta, Turkish footballer
- 1986 Andrea Dovizioso, Italian motorcycle racer
- <u>1985</u> <u>Stevie McCrorie</u>, Scottish singer
- 1987 Kangna Ranaut, Indian actress
- 1988 Jason Kenny, English cyclist, Olympic champion
- 1989 Mai Nishida, Japanese model, entertainer and actress
- 1990 Princess Eugenie of York, member of the British royal family
- 1991 Gregg Wylde, Scottish footballer
- 1992 Kyrie Irving, Australian-American basketball player
- <u>1992</u> <u>Vanessa Morgan</u>, Canadian actress and singer
- 1994 Nick Powell, English footballer

Deaths

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Up to 1900

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- 851 Zhou Chi, Chinese historian and politician (b. 713)
- 1103 Eudes I. Duke of Burgundy (b. 1058)
- 1361 Henry of Grosmont, 1st Duke of Lancaster (b. 1310)
- <u>1369</u> King <u>Peter of Castile</u> (b. <u>1334</u>)
- <u>1555</u> <u>Pope Julius III</u> (b. <u>1489</u>)
- 1559 Emperor Gelawdewos of Ethiopia
- 1606 Justus Lipsius, Flemish humanist (b. 1547)
- 1675 Antoni van Goordt, Dutch composer and organist (b. 1619)
- 1680 Nicolas Fouguet, French statesman (b. 1615)
- 1742 <u>Iean-Baptiste Dubos</u>, French writer (b. 1670)
- <u>1748</u> <u>Johann Gottfried Walther</u>, German music theorist, organist and composer (b. <u>1684</u>)
- 1783 Charles Carroll of Carrollton, American lawyer and politician (b. 1723)
- <u>1801</u> Tsar <u>Paul I of Russia</u> (b. <u>1754</u>)
- 1819 August von Kotzebue, German dramatist and writer (b. 1761)
- <u>1842</u> <u>Stendhal</u>, French writer (b. <u>1783</u>)
- <u>1881</u> <u>Nikolai Rubinstein</u>, Russian composer (b. <u>1835</u>)

1901 - 2000

- <u>1923</u> <u>Hovhannes Tumanyan</u> Armenian poet and writer (b. <u>1869</u>)
- 1927 Paul César Helleu, French painter (b. 1859)
- 1931 Bhagat Singh, Indian freedom writer (b. 1907)
- 1931 Rajguru, Indian freedom fighter (b. 1908)

- 1931 Sukhdey, Indian freedom fighter (b. 1907)
- 1935 Florence Moore, American actress (b. 1886)
- 1938 Thomas Walter Scott, Premier of Saskatchewan (b. 1867)
- <u>1945</u> <u>Tadamichi Kuribayashi</u>, Japanese commander (b. <u>1891</u>)
- 1947 Archduchess Luise of Austria, Princess of Tuscany (b. 1870)
- <u>1948</u> <u>Nikolai Berdyaev</u>, Russian <u>philosopher</u> (b. <u>1874</u>)
- <u>1953</u> <u>Raoul Dufy</u>, French painter (b. <u>1877</u>)
- 1955 Artur da Silva Bernardes, President of Brazil (b. 1875)
- 1960 Raoul Paoli, French athlete, boxer and rower (b. 1887)
- <u>1964</u> <u>Peter Lorre</u>, Hungarian-born actor (b. <u>1904</u>)
- 1965 Mae Murray, American actress, dancer, producer and screenwriter (b. 1885)
- 1971 Simon Vestdijk, Dutch writer (b. 1898)
- <u>1972</u> <u>Cristobal Balenciaga</u>, Spanish fashion designer (b. <u>1895</u>)
- 1978 Haim Ernst Wertheimer, Israeli biochemist (b. 1893)
- <u>1979</u> <u>Ted Anderson</u>, English footballer (b. <u>1911</u>)
- 1981 Beatrice Tinsley, New Zealand astronomer (b. 1941)
- 1985 Richard Beeching, British physicist and engineer (b. 1913)
- 1985 Zoot Sims, American jazz saxophonist (b. 1925)
- 1990 John Dexter, English stage and movie director (b. 1925)
- 1992 Friedrich Hayek, Austrian economist (b. 1899)
- <u>1994</u> <u>Luis Donaldo Colosio</u>, Mexican politician (b. <u>1950</u>)
- <u>1994</u> <u>Giulietta Masina</u>, Italian actress (b. <u>1921</u>)
- <u>1994</u> <u>Donald Swann</u>, British composer, musician and entertainer (b. <u>1923</u>)

From 2001

- 2002 Ben Hollioake, English cricketer (b. 1977)
- 2003 Fritz Spiegl, Austrian-born journalist (b. 1926)
- 2004 Rupert Hamer, Australian politician, 39th Premier of Victoria (b. 1916)
- 2006 Cindy Walker, American singer, songwriter and dancer (b. 1918)
- 2008 Rafael Azcona, Spanish screenwriter (b. 1926)
- 2009 Ghukas Chubaryan, Armenian sculptor (b. 1923)
- <u>2011</u> <u>Elizabeth Taylor</u>, British-American actress (b. <u>1932</u>)
- 2012 Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed, former President of Somalia (b. 1934)
- 2012 Chico Anysio, Brazilian actor, writer, comedian and composer (b. 1931)
- 2013 Boris Berezovsky, Russian businessman and oligarch (b. 1946)
- 2013 Joe Weider, American bodybuilder (b. 1920)
- 2013 Virgil Trucks, American baseball player (b. 1917)
- 2014 Adolfo Suarez, former Prime Minister of Spain (b. 1932)
- 2014 Dave Brockie, Canadian-American musician (b. 1963)
- 2014 Peter Oakley, British internet vlogger (b. 1927)
- 2014 <u>Jürg Neuenschwander</u>, Swiss <u>organist</u> and <u>composer</u> (b. 1947)
- 2014 David Henshaw, New Zealand cartoonist (b. 1939)
- 2015 Lee Kuan Yew, first Prime Minister of Singapore (b. 1923)
- 2015 Lil' Chris, English singer and television personality (b. 1990)
- 2015 Herberto Hélder, Portuguese poet and writer (b. 1930)

- 2015 Bobby Lowther, American basketball player (b. 1923)
- <u>2016</u> <u>Ken Howard</u>, American actor (b. <u>1944</u>)
- 2016 Joe Garagiola, Sr., American baseball player (b. 1926)
- 2016 Jimmy Riley, Jamaican reggae musician (b. 1954)
- 2017 Lola Albright, American actress (b. 1924)
- 2017 Ashokamitran, Indian writer (b. 1931)
- 2017 Meir Einstein, Israeli sports broadcaster (b. 1951)
- 2017 William H. Keeler, American cardinal (b. 1931)
- 2017 Cino Tortorella, Italian television presenter and comedian (b. 1927)
- 2017 Denis Voronenkov, Russian politician (b. 1971)

Observances

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- Republic Day/Pakistan Day (Pakistan)
- Polish-Hungarian friendship day
- Day of the Sea (Bolivia)
- World Meteorological Day
- Family Day (South Africa)
- Western <u>Christianity</u> Earliest possible date for <u>Easter</u> Monday (<u>April</u> 26 is the latest)
- Western Christianity Second-earliest possible date for <u>Easter</u>, last occurred on this date in <u>2008</u>, next in <u>2160</u>.

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