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Walt Disney (1901–1966) was an American animator, film producer and entrepreneur. A pioneer of the [American animation industry](#), he holds the individual records for the most [Academy Award](#) wins (22) and nominations (59). On October 16, 1923, he founded the [Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio](#) with his brother [Roy](#). He created the character [Mickey Mouse](#) and, as the studio grew, introduced synchronized sound, full-color three-strip [Technicolor](#) and technical developments in cameras. He expanded into [feature-length](#) cartoons, including *[Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs](#)* (1937), *[Pinocchio](#)* (1940), *[Fantasia](#)* (1940), *[Dumbo](#)* (1941) and *[Bambi](#)* (1942), and made [live-action](#) films like *[Mary Poppins](#)* (1964). He opened [Disneyland](#) in [Anaheim, California](#), in 1955, and was working on another theme park, [Disney World](#), in 1965. Disney was shy and self-deprecating in private but adopted a warm and outgoing public persona. He is widely acknowledged as a national [cultural icon](#). ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that as president of [Loyola College in Maryland](#), [John F. Quirk](#) became close friends with [the cardinal](#) who ordained him a [priest](#) ten years earlier?
- ... that contrary to [NFL](#) rules, the [Green Bay Packers](#) do not have a [franchise owner](#) and are instead led by an [elected team president](#)?
- ... that [Czesław Lewicki](#), Polish composer and conductor, was recognized as [Righteous Among the Nations](#) for aiding the Polish-Jewish composer [Władysław Szpilman](#)?
- ... that PlantSims, human–plant hybrids in *[The Sims 2: Seasons](#)*, have been studied as examples of [ecofeminism](#) and [deep ecology](#)?
- ... that [Richard Worley](#) played in minor baseball leagues and is now the [commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department](#)?
- ... that during a [temporary public holiday](#) to mourn the death of [Elizabeth II](#), New Zealand had another public holiday on the same day?
- ... that [Michael Vinson](#) wasn't yet cheese, so he became milk instead?



Illustrations of the front foot (A) and hind foot (B) of *Diplobune quercyi*

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- The [National Party](#), led by [Christopher Luxon](#) (*pictured*), wins the most seats in [the New Zealand general election](#).

- Australian voters **reject** altering [the Constitution](#) to establish an [Indigenous Voice to Parliament](#).
- NASA's ***Psyche*** mission is launched to explore the metal-rich asteroid [16 Psyche](#).
- The [Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences](#) is awarded to **Claudia Goldin** "for having advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes".



Christopher Luxon

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On this day

October 16

- 1793** – [War of the First Coalition](#): The two-day **Battle of Wattignies** concluded with [Jean-Baptiste Jourdan](#) leading French forces to victory over [Prince Josias of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld](#).
- 1841** – The [Church of Scotland](#) established **Queen's College** in [Kingston, Ontario](#), in Canada.
- 1923** – [Roy](#) and [Walt Disney](#) founded the **Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio** in [Hollywood](#), which eventually grew to become one of the largest media and entertainment corporations in the world.
- 1964** – With the success of **Project 596** (*mushroom cloud pictured*), China became the world's fifth nuclear power.
- 1991** – A man drove his vehicle through the window of a [Luby's Cafeteria](#) in [Killeen, Texas](#), and **opened fire**, killing 23 people before fatally shooting himself.



Mushroom cloud of the Project 596 test

Shams al-Din Juvayni (d. 1284) · **Lucy Stanton** (b. 1831) · **Paul Monette** (b. 1945) · **Hema Malini** (b. 1948)

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Yemen has five sites on the list of World Heritage Sites. The [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization](#) (UNESCO) designates [World Heritage Sites](#) of outstanding universal value to [cultural](#) or [natural heritage](#) which have been nominated by countries which are signatories to the UNESCO [World Heritage Convention](#), established in 1972. Yemen ratified the convention on 7 October 1980. The first site from Yemen on the list, the [Old Walled City of Shibam](#) (*pictured*), was designated in 1982. The most recent site listed was the [Landmarks of the Ancient Kingdom of Saba](#) in [Marib](#) in 2023. The [Socotra Archipelago](#) was listed in 2008, and is the only natural site in Yemen; the other four are cultural sites. All four cultural sites are [listed as endangered](#), either because of the ongoing [Yemeni civil war](#) or because of the deteriorating state of their historic buildings. ([Full list...](#))



Old Walled City of Shibam

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Today's featured picture



Spiders are air-breathing arthropods of the order Araneae, which have eight legs, **chelicerae** with fangs generally able to inject **venom**, and **spinnerets** that extrude **silk**. They are the largest order of **arachnids** and rank seventh in total species diversity among all **orders** of organisms, with more than 50,000 species recorded in 132 **families**. Anatomically, spiders (as with all arachnids) differ from other arthropods in that the usual body **segments** are fused into two **tagmata**, the **cephalothorax** or prosoma, and the **opisthosoma**, or abdomen, and joined by a small, cylindrical **pedicel**. Unlike **insects**, spiders do not have **antennae**. Spiders are found on every continent except for **Antarctica** and have become established in nearly every land **habitat** type. This adult male jumping spider (*Plexippus paykulli*) was photographed in the US state of Florida.

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