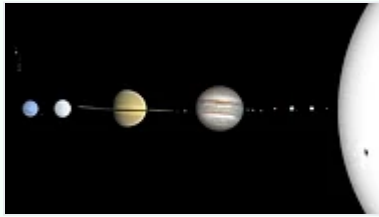




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Major bodies of the Solar System

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Ion Biberi

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- The **Sakharov Prize** is awarded to **Mahsa Amini** and the Iranian **Woman, Life, Freedom movement**.
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Hurricane Otis

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**October 29:** **Republic Day** in Turkey (1923)

- 1863 – **American Civil War**: The **Battle of Wauhatchie**, one of the few night battles of the war, concluded with the **Union Army** opening a **supply line** to troops in **Chattanooga, Tennessee**.
- 1960 – A **C-46** airliner carrying the **Cal Poly Mustangs** football team **crashed during takeoff** from **Toledo Express Airport** in **Ohio**, U.S., resulting in 22 deaths.
- 1986 – British prime minister **Margaret Thatcher** officially opened the **M25**, one of Britain's busiest motorways.
- 1991 – ***Galileo*** became the first spacecraft to visit an **asteroid** when it made a flyby of **951 Gaspra**.
- 2013 – The first phase of the **Marmaray** project opened with **an undersea rail tunnel** (*train pictured*) across the **Bosphorus** strait.



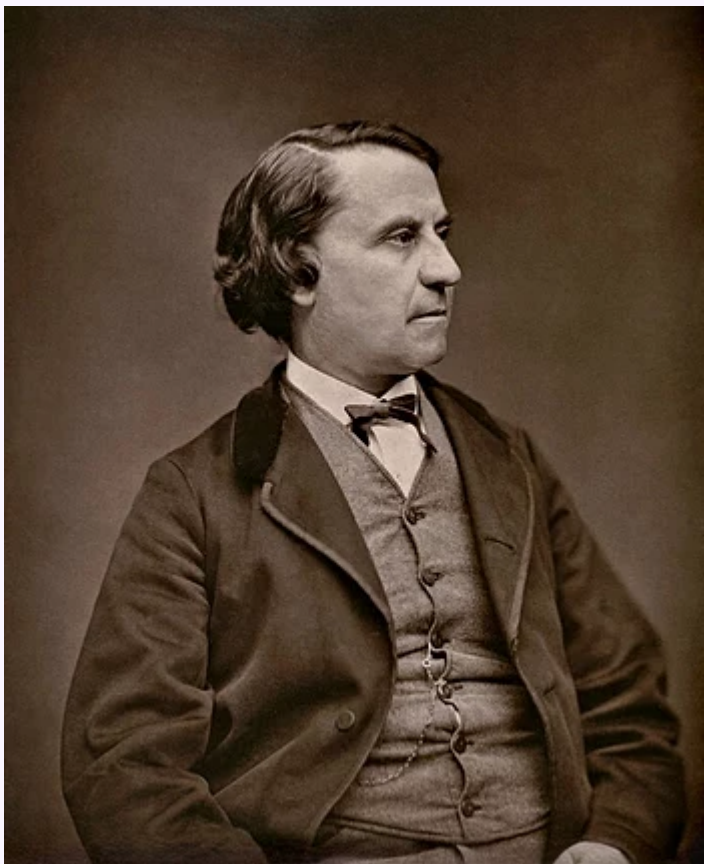
Marmaray train

**George Abbot** (b. 1562) · **Dirck Coornhert** (d. 1590) · **Diana Serra Cary** (b. 1918) · **Jimmy Savile** (d. 2011)

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**Louis Blanc** (29 October 1811 – 6 December 1882) was a French politician and historian. He advocated for **socialist** reforms without **revolution** first, and called for the creation of **job guarantees** for the urban poor. Blanc coined the

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