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Battle of Liaoluo Bay: Dutch East India Company defeated by Chinese Ming naval forces in southern Fujian sea

1721

Tsar Peter the Great titles himself "Emperor of All Russia"



1879

Thomas Edison perfects the carbonized cotton filament light bulb

1962

US President John F. Kennedy makes a live television address about Soviet missile bases in Cuba and imposes a naval blockade on Cuba, beginning the Cuban Missile Crisis

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Today, I spoke with leading climate experts. Their message was clear: Limiting warming to 1.5°C by the end of this century is still possible, but urgent #ClimateAction is needed. With #COP30 approaching, let's build the momentum we need for a safer future.

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Warm congratulations, Mr. Rodrigo Paz Pereira, on your election as the President of Bolivia. Close and friendly ties between India and Bolivia have long underpinned our mutually beneficial cooperation. I look forward to deepening our partnership for shared progress and prosperity in the years to come.

@narendramodi

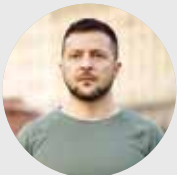
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We must make 2026 Europe's independence moment. This is at the core of our 2026 Work Programme

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I spoke with the Prime Minister of Spain, Pedro Sánchez. @sanchezcastejon. Right now, as Russia daily strikes our energy infrastructure, every contribution from our partners is especially important. Spain has promptly provided specific energy assistance, and I am grateful for that.

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# Saudi Crown Prince to meet Trump in Washington next month

AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince will meet US President Donald Trump during a three-day visit to Washington next month, a source close to the government told AFP yesterday. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman will arrive on November 17 and discuss political, economic

and security files with Trump the following day, the source said on condition of anonymity.

The crown prince's trip was revealed days into a fragile Gaza ceasefire brokered by Trump that was warmly welcomed by Saudi Arabia.

Some media reports suggest Saudi Arabia is hoping for a US security agreement

after Trump's executive order this month pledging to defend its neighbour Qatar from attacks.

Before the Gaza war broke out in October 2023, Saudi Arabia held tentative talks with the US on normalising ties with Israel in return for security and nuclear energy pledges.

The visit by the crown prince

follows Trump's trip to Saudi Arabia in May during the first foreign tour of his second term.

Saudi Arabia and the US have enjoyed a close relationship for decades based on privileged access to Saudi oil reserves in exchange for military protection.

Saudi Arabia has spearhead-

ed moves championing statehood for the Palestinians, including organising a UN conference along with France in July.

Last month, the two countries' "New York Declaration" supporting a Hamas-free Palestinian state was backed in a vote by the United Nations General Assembly.

# US man who faked death, fled to UK, gets five years for rape

Rossi faces a second sentencing under another rape conviction in November

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● Rossi was arrested in October 2021 after he checked into the Scottish hospital

AFP | Los Angeles, United States

An American who faked his own death and fled to Scotland to evade justice was sentenced Monday to five-years-to-life in prison for raping his ex-girlfriend 17 years ago.

Nicholas Rossi, 38, who potentially could spend the rest of his days behind bars, went to great lengths to conceal his identity and flee after committing the rape in the western state of Utah in 2008, authorities said.

State Judge Barry Lawrence



Nicholas Rossi

pointed to this as an "aggravating factor" as he handed down the sentence in a Salt Lake City court Monday.

"He is the very definition of a flight risk," Lawrence said of Rossi. "He fled the country to avoid investigation, he took on an alias, and even in response to this case, refused to admit who he was."

"I conclude that the only appropriate sentence in this case is to send you to prison," the judge added.

According to state laws in Utah, where Rossi was convicted in August 2025 of raping his former girlfriend, a judicial commission will decide when he can be released. He was extradited back to the United States

in January 2024. Rossi faces a second sentencing under another rape conviction in November.

Rossi's ruses included faking his death under his legal name, Nicholas Alahverdian, and publishing an obituary stating he had died of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

While on the run in Europe, Rossi posed as an Irish man when he went to a Glasgow hospital in 2021 to be treated for Covid-19.

Authorities in Utah began searching for Rossi, when he was identified in 2018 through a decade-old DNA rape kit tied to the other case, according to CBS News.

In 2019, Rossi led people around him to believe he was suffering from advanced cancer. Then he published an online obit before disappearing and fleeing to the United Kingdom.

The target of an Interpol notice, Rossi was arrested in October 2021 after he checked into the Scottish hospital.

He claimed to be Arthur Knight, an Irish orphan. However, police and medical staff identified him as Nicholas Rossi because his tattoos matched Interpol's description.

Throughout the proceedings, he maintained he was the victim of mistaken identity, claiming even that the tattoos were applied without his knowledge while he was unconscious in the hospital.

He also claimed that his fingerprints, taken at the hospital, were swapped to make him appear as the wanted man. During the extradition proceedings, he showed up in an electric wheelchair, wearing an oxygen mask.

However, a doctor ruled there was no medical reason for this, describing the condition of his legs as "strong and athletic."

According to Sky News, investigators said that Rossi had used at least a dozen aliases to evade capture over the years.

# Oasis guitars among music memorabilia worth £3 m at UK auction

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Legendary guitars, iconic sunglasses and handwritten lyrics from some of the biggest names in music are going under the hammer at a London auction this week.

Taking centre stage is Noel Gallagher's cherry-red Gibson guitar, damaged by his brother Liam during a backstage brawl the night Oasis broke up at the height of their fame in 2009.

Reflecting on the row, Noel later told reporters in 2011 that a furious Liam had stormed into the dressing room with the guitar, which he was "wielding like an axe".

"It's historic. If you're an Oasis fan, you look at that guitar and you immediately know what it is," music specialist Mark Hochman told AFP at memorabilia specialist Propstore's auction



Elvis Presley's original Grand Prix Sunglasses



Noel Gallagher's Takamine FP460SC acoustic guitar used to record the song "Wonderwall"

preview.

"It caused the break-up of the band. Liam smashed it. Noel got in a taxi, and that was it for 16 years," he added.

In 2022, the repaired Gibson was sold for 385,000 eu-



John Lennon's Tinted Prescription "Lost Weekend" glasses



A white fedora hat worn by Michael Jackson in the 1988 smooth criminal music video

ros (\$445,000) at an auction in Paris.

But with the British supergroup now in the middle of a record-breaking comeback tour, the instrument is currently expected to fetch up to £500,000

(\$668,300).

Noel's Takamine acoustic guitar, used to record the hit song "Wonderwall", will also go on the auction block during the sale on Friday and Saturday.

"If you ask anybody, name me an Oasis song... they're going to say Wonderwall... I think it was the first song from the 90s to reach a billion streams," said music specialist Richie Moores, who has been collecting Noel's guitars for 20 years.

The guitars are part of the largest collection of Oasis memorabilia ever to come to auction, worth over £1 million.

With interest in them "growing and growing and growing", Hochman believes Oasis will become "one of the most collectable bands" in the long term.

'Happier time'

From the wider sale, a pair

of glasses worn by John Lennon during his infamous "Lost Weekend" period over 18 months in Los Angeles in the early 1970s is expected to sell for as much as £300,000.

The circular, orange-tinted glasses are one of the most recognisable personal items ever owned by the Beatles star.

"These particular glasses are the most historic and provenanced of any John Lennon glasses to come to market, and that's what makes them so valuable," said Hochman.

Michael Jackson's white fedora from the 1988 "Smooth Criminal" video is also up for auction, valued between £40,000 and £80,000. Collectors will be able to snap up Elvis Presley's classic "Grand Prix" sunglasses, a signature accessory that became synonymous with the king's later career.