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From today's featured article



Provinces of the Roman Empire involved in the Diaspora Revolt

The **Diaspora Revolt** (115–117 CE) was a series of uprisings by Jewish diaspora communities across the eastern Roman Empire during the reign of Emperor Trajan. The uprisings erupted nearly simultaneously in Egypt, Cyrenaica and Cyprus, amid tensions following the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the imposition of the Fiscus Judaicus tax, messianic expectations, hopes for a return to Judaea, and Trajan's engagement with the Parthian campaign in Mesopotamia. Roman forces under generals Marcius Turbo and Lusius Quietus suppressed the revolts. The conflict resulted in the destruction of Jewish communities in multiple regions. Damage to temples, structures and roads is well attested in Cyrene and its surroundings. A festival celebrating victory was still observed eighty years later in Oxyrhynchus. Jewish communities re-established themselves in the affected provinces in late antiquity, but never regained their former prominence. *(Full article...)*

Recently featured: Ludwig Ross Lope Martín Curlew sandpiper

Did you know ...

- ... that former residents of **Wolf's Lair** *(pictured)* include the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, but a recording studio was not added until the estate was bought by Moby in 2010?
 - ... that researchers dated wood from a **Norse settlement in North America** to 1021 using a global radiocarbon spike recorded in tree rings?
 - ... that during his assignment in Portugal, **Rezlan Ishar Jenie** frequently received prank hang-ups from disgruntled populace?
 - ... that the prime ministers of the United Kingdom and Australia took sides on **a 2023 controversy involving their countries' cricket teams**?
 - ... that **Edmund Cheng** helped to transform an old church into an art venue named Sculpture Square in 1995?
 - ... that the Boston Celtics were put up for sale days after they won the **2024 NBA Finals**?
 - ... that **Cynthia Houniuhi** led a youth movement that successfully forced the United Nations to take the world's biggest polluters to the International Court of Justice?
 - ... that the *Honkai: Star Rail* character **Sparxie** sang a cover of the song "Never Gonna Give You Up" in a YouTube video on April Fools' Day?
 - ... that **students trading lunches in schools** have been called black markets?
- A black and white photograph of Wolf's Lair, a large estate in Los Angeles. The image shows a large, multi-story building with a prominent tower, surrounded by a high wall and a large, open area.
- Wolf's Lair, Los Angeles

In the news

- Co-president of Nicaragua Daniel Ortega (*pictured*) suspends **the next general election**, declaring that the country will no longer have elections.
- **Andy Burnham** succeeds Keir Starmer as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Labour Party following a leadership election.
- Carlos Vila Nova **is re-elected** President of São Tomé and Príncipe.
- In association football, the FIFA World Cup concludes with Spain defeating Argentina in **the final**.



Daniel Ortega

Ongoing: Iran war (Lebanon war) Russo-Ukrainian war timeline
Recent deaths: Jennifer Finch Kaylee Hottle Duane Ward Brenda Fricker Enrique Bacigalupo David Willey

On this day

July 23: Tisha B'Av (Judaism, 2026); **Birthday of Haile Selassie** (Rastafari)

- 1891 – During **a visit of the French Navy to Kronstadt** in Russia, the two nations reached a secret agreement on a joint response to any future war in Europe.
- 1942 – Bulgarian poet and communist activist **Nikola Vaptsarov** was executed by firing squad.
- 1995 – **Hale-Bopp**, one of the most widely observed comets of the 20th century, was independently discovered by astronomers Alan Hale and Thomas Bopp.
- 1999 – **Forty-seven people were arrested** in Tulia, Texas, for dealing cocaine; 35 of them were pardoned by the governor of Texas years later.
- 2010 – The English-Irish boy band **One Direction** (*pictured*) were formed while auditioning for the 2010 series of the British singing competition *The X Factor*.



One Direction

Thomas Brisbane (b. 1773) ·**Mollie Steimer** (d. 1980) ·**David Dobrik** (b. 1996) ·**Arnold Palacios** (d. 2025)

More anniversaries: July 22 **July 23** July 24

Today's featured picture

The **West Indian whistling duck** (*Dendrocygna arborea*) is a species of bird in the family Anatidae. The largest and darkest of the whistling ducks, it is roughly the size of a mallard, growing to 48 to 58 centimetres (19 to 23 inches) in length. Widely scattered across the West Indies, the species was first formally described by Carl Linnaeus in 1758 as *Anas arborea*, based on earlier accounts. The species is now placed in the genus *Dendrocygna*, introduced by William Swainson in 1837, and has no recognised subspecies. This photograph shows the head of a West Indian whistling duck in George Town, on the island of Grand Cayman in the Cayman Islands.

Photograph credit: Charles J. Sharp

Recently featured: *God Speed* Black-faced blenny Apollo 11

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