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Raymond's appointment as regent by Baldwin IV of Jerusalem

Raymond III (1140–1187) was the count of Tripoli (in modern-day Lebanon) from 1152 until his death. The son of Raymond II and Hodierna of Jerusalem, he was a minor when he succeeded his father. After reaching the age of majority in 1155, he fought the powerful Muslim ruler Nur ad-Din, and hired pirates to pillage Byzantine territories. From 1164, he spent nearly ten years in Muslim captivity. Marrying the wealthy heiress Eschiva of Bures made him prince of Galilee in the Kingdom of Jerusalem. A close relative of the royal family, he ruled Jerusalem as regent for Baldwin IV between 1174 and 1176, and for the child Baldwin V from 1185 to 1186. After the child king's death, he could not prevent the coronation of Baldwin V's mother Sibylla and her husband Guy of Lusignan. He paid homage to Guy only after Jerusalem was invaded by Saladin, the Muslim ruler of Egypt and Syria. One of the few crusader leaders who escaped from the battlefield at Hattin, he died soon after, probably of pleurisy. (Full article...)

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- ... that opening a **Falnama** on a painting of the queen of the fairies (*example pictured*) meant a prediction of good fortune?
- ... that under early English common law a person became **legally dead when they entered a religious order**?
- ... that **Kenya Grace** shot her first music video after becoming a finalist in a competition?
- ... that future Georgia representative **Edna Jackson** was part of a **wade-in** to protest segregation at Tybee Island Beach?
- ... that student-aid startup **Frank** claimed to have 4.25 million users, but is alleged to have had fewer than 300,000?
- ... that ***Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour*** caused the horror film ***The Exorcist: Believer*** to move its release date one week earlier from Friday, October 13, 2023?
- ... that **Rebecca Struthers** has a PhD in **horology**?
- ... that **sugar cubes** were used to deliver the **polio vaccine**?



Queen of the fairies in the Khallili Falnama

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- Three earthquakes** (*aftermath pictured*) leave at least 1,000 people dead in Herat, Afghanistan.
- Kelvin Kiptum** breaks the **men's marathon world record** in the **Chicago Marathon**.
- In motorsport, **Max Verstappen** wins the **Formula One World Championship**.
- Israel **declares a state of war** after **Hamas** and other Palestinian militant groups launch a series of attacks from the **Gaza Strip** that has left thousands of people dead.



Herat earthquakes aftermath

Ongoing: **Russian invasion of Ukraine** (timeline) · **War in Sudan**
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On this day

October 13

- 645 – Goguryeo–Tang War: Led by Emperor Taizong, the Tang army was forced to **abandon a siege** of **Ansi Fortress**.
- 1843 – **B'nai B'rith** (*membership certificate pictured*), the world's oldest continually operating Jewish **service organization**, was founded in New York City.
- 1917 – At least 30,000 people witnessed the **Miracle of the Sun** in the fields of **Cova da Iria** near **Fátima**, Portugal.
- 1961 – Newly elected Burundian prime minister **Louis Rwagasore** was assassinated by his political rivals.
- 2013 – During the Hindu festival of **Navaratri** at a temple in **Madhya Pradesh**, India, rumours about an impending bridge collapse caused **a stampede** that resulted in 115 deaths.



B'nai B'rith membership certificate, 1876

Robert I, Count of Flanders (d. 1093) · **Bernard Bosanquet** (b. 1877) · **Thomas White** (d. 1957) · **Rebecca Clarke** (d. 1979)

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Harry Kane is an English professional footballer who represents the **England national team** as a forward. Since making his debut in 2015, he has **scored 59 goals** in 86 **appearances**, becoming his country's all-time record goalscorer. He scored his first goal in his debut in a **UEFA Euro 2016 qualifying** match against **Lithuania** at **Wembley Stadium**. Fifty-two of his 59 goals have come in competitive fixtures, with 12 of them occurring at **FIFA World Cups** and **UEFA European Championship** tournaments. He scored his first international hat-trick at the **2018 FIFA World Cup** against **Panama**, where he would win the tournament's Golden Boot. During the **UEFA Euro 2020** main tournament, he scored 4 goals in the knockout stage as he **captained** the side to their first international final since 1966. During the **2022 FIFA World Cup**, he equalled **Wayne Rooney's** international record in the quarter-final against **France**, before surpassing it in 2023 in a **UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying** match against **Italy**. (Full list...)

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Harry Kane in 2018

Today's featured picture



The **Sea Girt Light** is a **lighthouse** marking the inlet leading to the **Wreck Pond** in **Sea Girt**, New Jersey, United States. It is located on a stretch of the New Jersey shore between the **Barnegat** and **Navesink** lighthouses. Its site was chosen after a previous proposal for a lighthouse at **Manasquan Inlet** was found infeasible, and it was first lit in December 1896. Protections against sand erosion were added in 1900 and the 1920s, and in 1921, Sea Girt Light was equipped with a radio beacon for use in fog, the first such installation on a shore-based light in the US. At the outset of **World War II**, the light was deactivated and the lens removed; the house was remodeled to serve as a dormitory for a Coast Guard observation post. At the end of the war, an aerobeacon was mounted atop the tower, with the original lighthouse being decommissioned. In 1955, a new beacon was erected away from the building on a steel tower on the lawn. The building was sold to the borough of Sea Girt shortly after. It was used for the town library and for meeting space for many years, while the beacon itself remained operational until 1977. The building was taken over by the Sea Girt Lighthouse Citizens Committee in 1980 and was subsequently restored. It now serves as a museum, offering tours.

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