

# **MAY IN HISTORY**

**1792** Twenty-four merchants met under a buttonwood tree on what is now Wall Street and formed this financial organization.

**1844** This inventor tapped out the first ever telegraph message: “What hath God wrought?”

**1859** This sound was heard in the city of London for the first time. After more than 150 years, it can still be heard four times every hour.

**1869** A golden spike was installed in Promontory Summit, Utah, to mark the completion of this transportation achievement.

**1915** A torpedo from a German U-boat hit this British ocean liner off the coast of Ireland, killing nearly twelve hundred passengers and crew.

**1916** The cover of *The Saturday Evening Post* featured the first of more than three hundred cover illustrations by this artist.

**1925** Substitute high school teacher John T. Scopes was arrested in Tennessee for teaching this subject.

**1927** Aviator Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field on Long Island, New York, on the first nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. Where did he land almost thirty-four hours later?

**1934** This criminal pair died in a hail of bullets when they were ambushed by police in Black Lake, Louisiana.

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**1934**      The first quintuplets known to survive infancy were born in Ontario, Canada. What was their last name?

**1953**      Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal were the first humans to accomplish this remarkable achievement.

**1954**      The U.S. Supreme Court issued the landmark ruling *Brown v. Board of Education*. What was the issue at stake in that case?

**1960**      The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the use of a drug called Envoid for this purpose – but only for married women.

**1961**      Forty-five million Americans watched this astronaut become America's first space traveler as he made a fifteen-minute flight aboard *Freedom 7*, launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

**1970**      National Guardsmen in this state opened fire on anti-war protesters at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

**1972**      Arthur Bremer, a Wisconsin man looking for fame and recognition, shot this presidential candidate in a Maryland shopping mall.

**1980**      The World Health Organization announced that this devastating disease had been eradicated from the earth.

**1994**      This former political prisoner was elected president of South Africa in that country's first fully democratic election.

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**1994        The “Chunnel” officially opened, linking these two countries by train.**

**2005        Former FBI official W. Mark Felt revealed to Vanity Fair magazine this secret, which he had held for more than three decades.**

**2011        This elite U.S. military force captured and killed Osama bin Laden in Pakistan.**