



Moments in time

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• On **Sept. 28, 1542**, Spanish explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo became the first European to sail into San Diego Bay, which he named San Miguel and claimed for Spain. The bay was given its present name in 1602 by Sebastian Vizcaino, who was also the first person to note certain ecological features of California's coast.

• On **Sept. 29, 1885**, the world's first practical public electric tramway, designed by Michael Holroyd Smith, opened in Blackpool, England, using an underground "conduit" system to supply electricity rather than overhead wires. The route is still active today, operating modern light rail vehicles.

• On **Sept. 30, 1934**, St. Louis Browns coach Charley O'Leary "unretired" to good effect by becoming the oldest player to get a hit and score a run in the major leagues, at age 58.

• On **Oct. 1, 1962**, Barbra Streisand signed her first recording contract with Columbia Records. Her manager, Marty Erlichman, negotiated full artistic and creative control, including the right for Streisand to choose her own songs, in exchange for a lower initial pay rate of a \$20,000 advance.

• On **Oct. 2, 1985**, Hollywood heartthrob Rock Hudson died of AIDS related complications, just a few months after publicly acknowledging he had the disease at a hospital in Paris where he was seeking treatment.

• On **Oct. 3, 1997**, 69-year-old Hall of Famer Gordie Howe, who was known as "Mr. Hockey" and played his first NHL game when Harry Truman was president, skated the first shift with the Detroit Vipers in their International Hockey League opener for a total of just 40 seconds but became the only professional in the sport to compete in six decades. Afterward, he thanked the Vipers for "putting up with me."

• On **Oct. 4, 2011**, Michael Morton, who served 25 years in prison for the murder of his wife, Christine Morton, was released after DNA evidence implicated convicted felon Mark Alan Norwood in the crime. The prosecutor in the case later was accused of withholding evidence indicating Morton's innocence.