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From today's featured article



S. validum skull

Stegoceras, a **pachycephalosaurid** (dome-headed) **dinosaur**, lived in what is now **North America** during the **Late Cretaceous period**, about 77.5 to 74 million years ago. (This **genus** is unrelated to *Stegosaurus*, which lived more than 70 million years earlier.) Small and **bipedal**, *Stegoceras* was about 2 to 2.5 metres (6.6 to 8.2 ft) long and weighed around 10 to 40 kilograms (22 to 88 lb). It had a rigid **vertebral column** and a stiffened tail. The pelvic region was broad, perhaps due to an extended gut. The skull was roughly triangular with a short snout, topped by a thick, broad, and relatively smooth dome. The skull jutted out in the back over the **occiput**, and had a thick ridge over the eyes. The teeth were small and serrated. The skull is thought to have been flat in juvenile animals, growing into a dome with age. The dome may have been used for combat, **display**, or **recognition**. Specimens have been found in the **Dinosaur Park** and **Oldman Formations** in **Alberta**, and the **Fruitland** and **Kirtland Formations** in the US. (**Full article...**)

Did you know...



Alexandra Palace

- ... that **John Johnson** and **Alfred Meeson** designed the **Alexandra Palace** (*pictured*) in north London?
- ... that findings at **Laili Cave** show that **Timor** was colonised at least 44,600 years ago, making it the oldest known human habitation in **Wallacea**?
- ... that after **J. Charles Jones** led an anti-segregation **sit-in** with hundreds of activists at a **Woolworth counter** in **Charlotte, North Carolina**, the store closed its counter to prevent further **integration**?
- ... that **Bach's motet *Komm, Jesu, komm, BWV 229*** (Come, Jesus, come) sets lyrics by **Paul Thymich**, scored for a double choir?
- ... that abolitionist **Richard Foster** was an officer of the **1st Missouri**

[Regiment of Colored Infantry](#) in the civil war and, with his regiment, established the [Lincoln Institute](#) as a school for African Americans?

- ... that the youngest bell of [St. Lubentius, Dietkirchen](#), a [Romanesque](#) church on a rock, was consecrated by [Pope John Paul II](#)?
- ... that 16-year-old [Hailie Deegan](#) is the only full-time female driver in the [NASCAR K&N Pro Series West](#)?
- ... that nominations for the [UK Picture Editors' Guild](#) awards have included photographs of battlefield conflict, German figure skaters, and [Theresa May](#) laughing?

In the news

On this day...

[February 26](#)



- [1233](#) – [Mongol–Jin War](#): The [Mongols](#) [captured Kaifeng](#), the capital of the [Jin dynasty](#), after besieging it for months.
- [1815](#) – [Napoleon Bonaparte](#) escaped from [Elba](#) (*return pictured*), an island off the coast of Italy, where he had been exiled after the signing of the [Treaty of Fontainebleau](#) one year earlier.
- [1914](#) – [HMHS Britannic](#), the third and largest [Olympic-class ocean liner](#) of the [White Star Line](#) after [RMS Olympic](#) and [RMS Titanic](#), was launched at the [Harland and Wolff](#) shipyard in [Belfast](#).
- [1935](#) – With the aid of a radio station in [Daventry](#), England, and two receiving [antennas](#), Scottish engineer and inventor [Robert Watson-Watt](#) first demonstrated the use of [radar](#).
- [2008](#) – In the first significant cultural visit from the United States to North Korea since the [Korean War](#), the [New York Philharmonic Orchestra](#) [performed](#) in [East Pyongyang Grand Theatre](#).

[John de Vere, 12th Earl of Oxford](#) (d. 1462) · [Herbert Henry Dow](#) (b. 1866) · [Recep Tayyip Erdoğan](#) (b. 1954)

From today's featured list



Shahid Kapoor

[Shahid Kapoor's filmography](#) includes starring roles in [Hindi films](#), hosting duties for award ceremonies, and music video appearances. As a dancer in [Shiamak Davar](#)'s institute, Kapoor made uncredited appearances as a background dancer in the films *[Dil To Pagal Hai](#)* (1997) and *[Taal](#)* (1999). He also appeared in several music videos, including one for the singer [Kumar Sanu](#), before making his acting debut with a lead role in [Ken Ghosh](#)'s romantic comedy *[Ishq Vishk](#)* (2003). He followed it by playing a prospective groom in *[Vivah](#)* (2006) and an uptight businessman in *[Jab We Met](#)* (2007). In 2009, Kapoor portrayed twin brothers, one with a [lisp](#) and the other with a [stutter](#), in [Vishal Bhardwaj](#)'s acclaimed caper thriller *[Kaminey](#)*. After a series of commercial failures, he starred in the 2013 action-drama *[R... Rajkumar](#)*, and followed it by playing the title character in Bhardwaj's *[Haider](#)* (2014), an adaptation of [William Shakespeare](#)'s tragedy *[Hamlet](#)*, which won him the [Filmfare Award for Best Actor](#). In 2016, he played a rockstar addicted to drugs in *[Udta Punjab](#)*, for which he won the [Filmfare Critics Award for Best Actor](#). Kapoor has hosted eight award ceremonies, and in 2015 he featured as a talent judge on the dance reality show *[Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa Reloaded](#)*. ([Full list...](#))