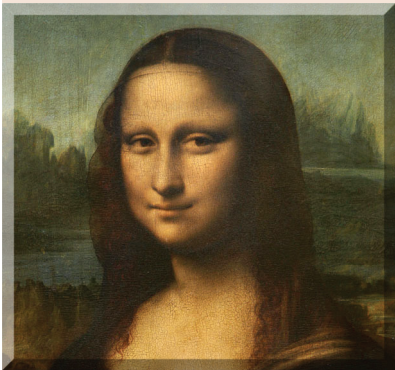


**Thursday, August 21**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1911:** Leonardo da Vinci's portrait of the *Mona Lisa* was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris by an Italian waiter. It was recovered in 1913

**1831:** Former slave Nat Turner led a violent insurrection in Virginia

**1872:** English artist and illustrator Aubrey Beardsley was born

**1942:** The Battle of Stalingrad began; it was the bloodiest battle in human history, with casualties of two million

**2007:** Hurricane Dean made landfall on Mexico's Yucatan peninsula after ploughing through the Caribbean. The Category 5 storm affected 15 countries and claimed 42 lives