

Saturday, August 30

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2001:** Over 300 million Europeans saw their new currency for the first time when the euro notes and coins were officially unveiled

1905: U.S. baseball star Ty Cobb made his major league batting debut, playing for the Detroit Tigers

1941: The 17-month siege of Leningrad by German forces began

1982: PLO leader Yasser Arafat fled his headquarters in Beirut following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon

2007: Taliban militants in Afghanistan released the last of 23 South Korean hostages kidnapped in July; two had earlier been executed