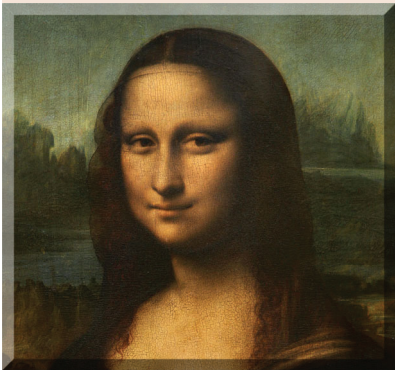


Friday, August 21

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

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

1983: Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino was assassinated on his return home from a three-year exile

2008: A double suicide attack on ordnance factories in Pakistan killed 70 people in the deadliest attack on a military site in the country's history