

A close-up portrait of Laura Chinchilla, the first woman president of Costa Rica. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right. The image is framed with a dark border.

Today in History

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▲ **Laura Chinchilla became the first woman to be elected President of Costa Rica. She was protege of outgoing president Oscar Arias**

1932: The “neutron”, a neutral particle in the nucleus of atoms, was first reported by James Chadwick

1964: The Beatles’ ‘invasion’ of the United States began as thousands of screaming fans met them at the airport

1968: The leaders of all 10 provinces of Canada agreed to give the French language equal status with English

1992: European Community leaders of the 12 member states signed the Maastricht Treaty