



## Today in History

*November 1, 1988*

▲ **Batman's faithful sidekick, Robin, was killed off by The Joker in edition no. 428 of DC Comics after a readers' poll showed the character was no longer popular**

**1822:** The Caledonian Canal opened, linking the North Sea with the Atlantic Ocean via Scotland's Great Glen

**1880:** Gymnast August Navarre was killed after falling from a trapeze suspended from a balloon over Paris

**1963:** South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother Ngo Dinh Nhu were killed in a military coup

**1993:** The Maastricht Treaty created a new European Union and paved the way for the euro