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▲ **The Leaning Tower of Pisa reopened to visitors after 11 years of delicate engineering work to reduce its tilt and prevent it from toppling over**

1943: American jazzman Fats Waller died from alcohol poisoning

1952: Former U.S. soldier George Jorgensen became the first person to have a publically-documented sex-change operation

1995: EU leaders agreed to name their new single currency the Euro

2006: Saudi Arabia announced plans to build a separation barrier between it and Iraq, intended to seal off the border against extremists