



## Today in History

*August 23, 2011*

▲ **Libyan rebels seized Muammar Gaddafi's Tripoli compound, with its iconic statue of a crushed U.S. plane, but the embattled dictator escaped via underground tunnels**

**1617:** The first one-way streets were established in London to regulate "disorder and rude behaviour"

**1818:** The first steam ship service went into operation on the Great Lakes in North America

**1982:** Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel was elected president of Lebanon

**1992:** 200 rightwingers, cheered on by spectators, attacked a hostel for foreign refugees in Rostock, Germany