

GN44682 On this day in history Week36 - September 3-9



Today in History

September 3, 2000

▲ The controversial Eurofighter Typhoon combat jet, being built jointly by Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain, began full-scale production

1783: Britain and the United States signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the American War of Independence

1901: Australia's federal flag was flown for the first time

1931: An explosion using overhead cables inaugurated the first tramway in London, with smoke around the tracks

1976: The US Space Shuttle Challenger landed on the first mission, colour close-up

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Today in History

September 4, 1998

▲ Internet search tool Google was founded by graduate students Larry Page and Sergey Brin at Stanford University. It is the world's most visited website

1966: Jack Brabham became the first motor-racing world champion in a car he built himself

1970: Russian ballerina Natalia Makhkomedova



Today in History

September 5, 1698

▲ Tsar Peter the Great of Russia imposed a tax on beards as part of an effort to modernise Russian society along western European models

1638: Louis XIV of France, the "Sun King" who built the Palace of Versailles, was born

1938: President Roosevelt declared



Today in History

September 6, 1566

▲ Suleiman the Magnificent, Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, died. He presided over the empire at the apex of its military, political and economic power

1666: The Great Fire of London was finally extinguished after four days

1970: Palestinian Leila Khaled was arrested in London after trying to hijack a plane to New York

1918: Tsarina Alexandra, last Tsar, was executed in Siberia

1976: Yasser Arafat signed the Oslo Accords, ending a decade of conflict

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Today in History

September 7, 1813

▲ A New York newspaper coined the nickname "Uncle Sam" for the United States from the initials U.S. on barrels of beef supplied to the U.S. Army

1776: The first submarine to be used in warfare, the American Turtle, tried to attach a mine to a British warship

1901: China's Boxer Rising, aimed at driving out all foreigners, ended with the signing of the Peking Protocol

1993: Six former Soviet republics agreed to keep the Russian rouble

2003: U.S. President George W. Bush asked Congress for \$87 billion to pay for the occupation and reconstruction of Iraq

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Today in History

September 8, 2022

▲ Queen Elizabeth II died at age 96, three months after celebrations marking her 70-year reign. At the time she was the world's oldest and longest-serving head of state

1565: Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles founded the first Catholic settlement in America at St Augustine, Florida

1930: U.S. engineer Richard Drew made the first clear adhesive tape, known as Scotch tape or sellotape

1943: General Eisenhower announced the unconditional surrender of Italy during World War II

1966: The first series of Star Trek, one of the most successful TV shows in history, premiered on NBC

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Today in History

September 9, 1948

▲ Kim Il-Sung proclaimed the communist-aligned Democratic People's Republic of Korea, with Pyongyang as its capital and himself as supreme leader

1513: English forces repelled an invasion by Scottish troops at the Battle of Flodden

1963: The first ever live birth in captivity of a giant panda, a male cub, took place at Beijing Zoo

1993: Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation agreed to recognise each other's existence

2003: Argentina defaulted on a \$2.9 billion loan, the biggest default ever suffered by the IMF

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