

# GN45306 On this day in history Week06 February 4-10



## Today in History

February 4, 1911

▲ Rolls Royce commissioned its famous bonnet mascot sculpture, the Spirit of Ecstasy, to convey the spirit of speed and energy with beauty and grace

1924: Mahatma Gandhi was released after spending two years in jail in Bombay

1974: Newspaper heiress Patty Hearst was kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army

2004: The word "The" was launched as a prefix "The" in the name of the company

2023: The U.S. intelligence community accused Chinese spies of spying on key U.S. officials

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## Today in History

February 5, 2023

▲ Pakistan's former president, General Pervez Musharraf, died at age 79. He played an influential role in the struggle between militant Islamists and the West

1924: The BBC "pips", or time signals from Greenwich Observatory, were heard for the first time

1990: Boxer Mike Tyson received a



## Today in History

February 6, 2023

▲ A 7.8 earthquake in southern Turkey and northwest Syria killed almost 60,000 people and left 1.5m homeless. It was the deadliest quake in modern Turkey's history

1927: Ten-year-old violin child prodigy Yehudi Menuhin caused a sensation on his debut in Paris

1984: Brits and Emos spread to



## Today in History

February 7, 1964

▲ The Beatles' "invasion" of the U.S. began as thousands of screaming fans welcomed the "Fab Four" at New York's JFK International Airport

1904: A huge fire in the U.S. city of Baltimore destroyed more than 2,600 buildings

1984: A U.S. astronaut made the first using only



## Today in History

February 8, 2023

▲ Burt Bacharach, one of the most influential figures of 20th-century pop music, died at age 94. His enduring hits include Walk On By, and I Say A Little Prayer

1924: The U.S. used the gas chamber for the first time as a form of execution, using hydrogen cyanide

1937: General Franco captured Malaga during the Spanish Civil War

1971: The NASDAQ stock market index began operations as the world's first electronic stock market

1974: The crew of the final Skylab mission returned to Earth after 84 days on America's first manned space station

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## Today in History

February 9, 1969

▲ The Boeing 747, the first wide-body commercial airliner, made its maiden flight. The "Jumbo Jet" held the passenger capacity record for 37 years

1929: Russia, Poland, Romania, Estonia and Latvia signed a pact for the renunciation of war

1949: U.S. actor Robert Mitchum was jailed in Los Angeles for two months for smoking marijuana

1964: The Beatles made their first appearance on American television in The Ed Sullivan Show

2004: The toll of birds culled in Asia in an effort to limit the spread of avian flu topped 50 million

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## Today in History

February 10, 1931

▲ The city of New Delhi was inaugurated as the capital of India. It houses all three branches – legislative, executive and judicial – of the Indian government

1824: Samuel Plimsoll, who devised the Plimsoll Line, regulating the weight ships could carry in safety, was born

1949: Arthur Miller's play Death of a Salesman, about an ageing salesman haunted by failure, first opened

2004: French MPs voted by a large majority to ban the Islamic headscarf from state schools

2014: High-ranking officials from China and Taiwan met in Nanking, China, for the first time in 65 years

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