

GN45521 On this day in history Week14 - Mar 31 - Apr 6



Today in History

March 31, 1889

▲ The Eiffel Tower, built by the engineer Gustave Eiffel, was inaugurated in Paris, France. At 324m (1,063ft), it was the world's tallest man-made structure

1949: The Dominion of Newfoundland joined the Canadian Confederation and became the 10th Province of Canada

1954: The Soviet Union announced it should join the Council of Europe

1994: Scientists discovered a new species in Ethiopia of a hominid dating back 300,000 years

1999: The first Volvo Cars were sold in the United States

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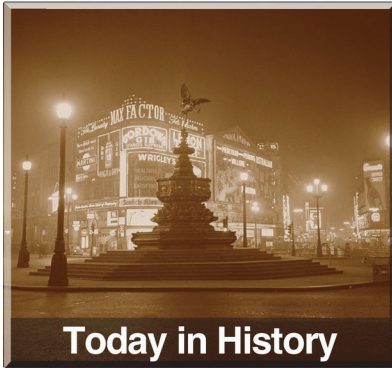
Today in History

April 1, 1999

▲ A new territory, Nunavut, "our land", was created in Canada to provide autonomy for the Inuit people. It comprises most of the Canadian Arctic archipelago

1999: Oil companies BP and Amoco merged to form a giant conglomerate worth nearly \$100 billion

2004: The first Arctic Ocean cruise



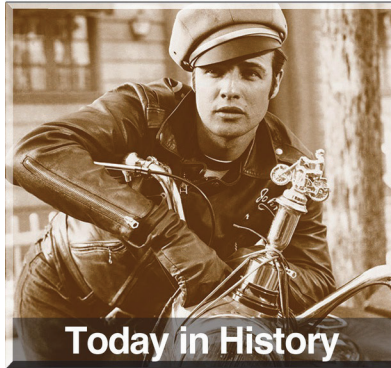
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April 2, 1949

▲ Years of post-war gloom ended as neon signs were lit up again in London's Piccadilly Circus, 10 years after they were banned at the start of World War II

1974: Georges Pompidou, prime minister of France from 1962-68 and president from 1969, died in office

1979: The first issue of the New York Times



Today in History

April 3, 1924

▲ Marlon Brando, Oscar-winning U.S. movie actor whose best known films included The Wild One (above), On the Waterfront, and The Godfather, was born

1949: An armistice signed between Israel and its neighbours officially ended the 1948 Arab-Israeli war

2004: The first issue of the Madrid Times



Today in History

April 4, 2023

▲ Finland was welcomed into NATO, doubling the length of the alliance's borders with Russia. It applied to join the group after Russia's invasion of Ukraine

1932: Vitamin C was first isolated from lemon juice. This led to the prevention of scurvy

1979: Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, former president of Pakistan, was hanged

1994: Iran banned the use of satellite dishes in an attempt to stop the flow of "corrupt" Western programming

2023: Donald Trump became the first former U.S. president to face a criminal trial. He pleaded not guilty to 34 criminal charges

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Today in History

April 5, 1794

▲ Georges Jacques Danton, who set up the French Revolutionary Tribunal, became one of the victims of the Terror himself when he was guillotined for treason

1989: In a landmark power-sharing deal, the Polish government lifted a seven-year ban on the Solidarity union

1999: Libya handed over two men suspected of carrying out the 1988 Lockerbie bombing for trial

2004: Canada ordered the slaughter of 80% of British Columbia's poultry, to contain an outbreak of avian flu

2012: Ferdinand Alexander Porsche, designer of the iconic Porsche 911 sports car, died

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Today in History

April 6, 1974

▲ The Swedish band ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with the pop classic Waterloo, which was later voted the best song in the contest's history

1939: The "non-stick" polymer Teflon was accidentally discovered by researchers at Du Pont

2004: President Rolandas Paksas of Lithuania was impeached following claims of links to the Russian mafia

2009: A major earthquake in Italy killed 295 people in and around L'Aquila

2014: Pro-Russian militants in Ukraine seized buildings in Donetsk and Luhansk and said they would form an independent republic

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