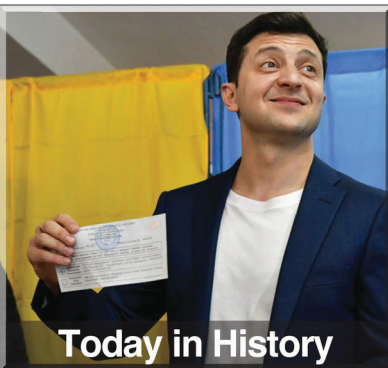


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Today in History

April 21, 2019

▲ Comedian Volodymyr Zelenskyy was a surprise winner of Ukraine's presidential election. A political novice, he had previously played the role in a satirical TV show

1959: Prima ballerina Dame Margot Fonteyn was jailed in Panama for one day after her husband was accused of plotting a coup

1960: Brasilia became Brazil's capital city

1989: More than 100,000 people poured into Times Square, ignoring traffic

2004: Israeli politician Mordechai Vanunu was released from jail after 18 years

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Today in History

April 22, 2023

▲ Barry Humphries, Australian comedian and satirist best known for his larger-than-life stage and TV persona Dame Edna Everage, died at age 89

1904: J. Robert Oppenheimer, director of the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos during WWII was born

1944: Scientists discovered the



Today in History

April 23, 2023

▲ Kenya's Kelvin Kiptum won the London Marathon in a new course record. He went on to break the world record in Chicago but died in a car crash earlier this year

1516: Bavaria ruled that beer should be brewed with only water, malt and hops

1564: William Shakespeare, the greatest playwright in the English



Today in History

April 24, 1934

▲ Shirley MacLaine, outspoken U.S. actress and dancer known for her portrayals of quirky, eccentric characters, was born. She marks her 90th birthday today

1916: The Easter Rising, an armed rebellion aimed at ending British rule in Ireland, began

1957: Astronaut Kenneth

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Today in History

April 25, 2023

▲ Harry Belafonte, U.S. singer who popularized calypso music internationally and became an activist in the U.S. civil rights movement, died at age 96

1744: Anders Celsius, Swedish astronomer who invented the Celsius thermometer, died

1964: The head of the famous Little Mermaid statue in Copenhagen harbour was sawn off and stolen

1980: Eight U.S. commandos died in a helicopter crash in an abortive attempt to rescue hostages in Iran

2022: Twitter agreed to a \$44 billion takeover by Elon Musk, founder of SpaceX and Tesla

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Today in History

April 26, 1994

▲ The first non-racial general election got underway in South Africa, resulting in a resounding victory for the African National Congress

1956: The world's first commercially successful container ship, the SS Ideal X, left New Jersey for Texas

1984: U.S. jazz pianist and big band leader William "Count" Basie died, aged 79

2017: China launched its first domestically built aircraft carrier, amid rising regional tensions

2021: The Delta variant of coronavirus overwhelmed hospitals in India amid widespread shortages of oxygen

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Today in History

April 27, 2006

▲ Construction began on the 1,776ft (540m) Freedom Tower in New York, the centrepiece of the rebuilt World Trade Centre that was destroyed in the 9/11 attacks

1981: Xerox PARC introduced the first commercially available computer mouse

2001: Scientists revealed how rising thermal plumes in Earth's mantle drive tectonic plates, causing earthquakes

2007: Estonia was the first nation to suffer a major cyber-attack, targeting banks and government sites

2010: Greece's sovereign credit rating was downgraded to junk status after a €45bn EU-IMF bailout

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