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Today in History

July 14, 2023

▲ Actors joined screenwriters in Hollywood's biggest strike in 60 years. The four-month strike led to a \$6.5 billion loss to the economy of Southern California

1933: Nazi Germany's eugenics programme called for sterilization of citizens with "genetic disorders"

1992: The Open Group's operating system revolutionized the Unix-like 386

1999: The EU ended the three-month exports caused by the

2014: The EU sank off an oil rig and was refloated

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Today in History

July 15, 1954

▲ The Boeing 707, the first successful commercial passenger jet, made its maiden flight. Faster and larger than propeller aircraft, jets soon dominated air travel

1606: Rembrandt van Rijn, one of the great Dutch masters, was born in Leiden in the Netherlands

1894: The infamous Spanish



Today in History

July 16, 2023

▲ Carlos Alcaraz, Spain's newest tennis star, won Wimbledon in a pulsating five-set final against seven-time champion Novak Djokovic

1965: The 11.6km Mont Blanc road tunnel, linking France with Italy, was opened

1968: Apollo 41 blasted off from



Today in History

July 17, 2023

▲ Russia halted the Black Sea grain deal, the UN-brokered initiative that enabled the export of 32m tonnes of Ukrainian grain to alleviate a global food crisis

1959: Billie Holiday, one of the world's most influential jazz singers, died after years of drug abuse

1980: Spanish dictator General Franco

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July 18, 1976

▲ Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci, aged 14, became the first person in Olympic history to score a "perfect 10", at the Montreal Games

64: The Great Fire of Rome destroyed two-thirds of the city

1814: Explorer Matthew Flinders' book, A Voyage To Terra Australis, was published. It is credited with bringing the name Australia into common use

1925: Adolf Hitler published the first volume of his book, Mein Kampf

1994: A ceasefire was declared in Rwanda, ending the genocide of Tutsis and moderate Hutus

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Today in History

July 19, 1834

▲ Edgar Degas, the French impressionist painter and sculptor noted for his portrayals of theatre life, particularly ballet dancers, was born

1814: Samuel Colt, U.S. inventor of the famous revolver of the same name, was born

1999: The new European Parliament building opened in Strasbourg. It hosts 12 plenary sessions a year

2004: A good-quality 182-carat diamond, four times the size of the Hope diamond, was found in Guinea

2010: China surpassed the United States to become the world's biggest energy consumer

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Today in History

July 20, 1969

▲ Neil Armstrong became the first man to step on to the surface of the moon, saying "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"

356 BCE: Alexander the Great, who conquered Greece, Persia and much of India before he was 33, was born

1954: An armistice was signed for Indo-China, under which Vietnam was separated into North and South

1974: Turkish armed forces invaded Cyprus, dividing the island into Turkish and Greek controlled states

1999: A crackdown against the spiritual practice of Falun Gong saw thousands arrested across China

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