

# GN45995 On this day in history Week30 July 21-27



## Today in History

July 21, 2023

▲ **Legendary U.S. crooner Tony Bennett**, whose best known songs included (I Left My Heart) In San Francisco, died at age 96 after a battle with Alzheimer's disease

**1974:** A day after Turkey invaded, Greece accepted a UN resolution on a ceasefire in Cyprus

**1994:** Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn after 20 years

**2008:** Zimbabwe's 100-billion dollar hit a record

**2011:** The shuttle landed after 28 days of NASA's space mission

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## Today in History

July 22, 1933

▲ **U.S. aviation pioneer Wiley Post** became the first person to fly solo around the world, taking seven days, 18 hours and 49 minutes to complete the trip

**1784:** German astronomer Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel, who calculated the path of Halley's Comet, was born

**1973:** British Prime Minister Harold Wilson



## Today in History

July 23, 1904

▲ **The popularity of the ice cream cone**, a brittle pastry rolled into a cone, was ensured on a hot day at the World's Fair in St Louis when a stallholder ran out of dishes

**1999:** King Hassan of Morocco, one of the Arab world's most influential leaders, died after a 38-year reign

**2008:** U.S. Air Force Colonel Albert



## Today in History

July 24, 2023

▲ **The simultaneous release of contrasting films Barbie and Oppenheimer**, or "Barbenheimer", sparked a phenomenon described as the movie event of the year

**1974:** Democracy was restored in Greece after seven years of military dictatorship

**1974:** President Nixon was ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court to surrender tapes

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July 25, 1959

▲ **The hovercraft made its first crossing of the English Channel.** The SR-N1 crossed from Calais to Dover in two hours, with inventor Christopher Cockerell on board

**1814:** British engineer George Stephenson designed and built the world's first steam locomotive

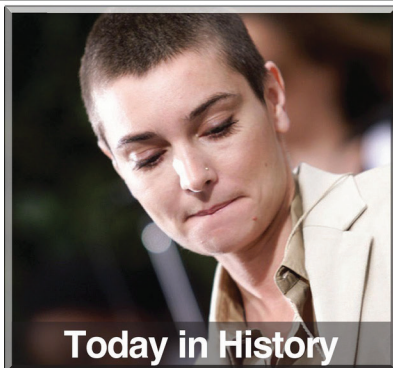
**1952:** The European Coal and Steel Community, the forerunner of the European Union, came into force

**1984:** Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space, almost 19 years after the first man, Alexey Leonov

**1994:** Israeli premier Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein ended 46 years of war between their countries

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## Today in History

July 26, 2023

▲ **Sinéad O'Connor**, Irish singer, songwriter and political activist, died aged 56. Her biggest hit, Nothing Compares 2 U, topped the charts around the globe

**1956:** Egypt nationalised the Suez Canal, leading to confrontation with Britain, France, and Israel

**1974:** The artificial sweetener aspartame was approved for use as a low calorie sweetener

**2001:** Scientists concluded that the 5,300-year-old "iceman" found in the Alps was killed by an arrow wound

**2016:** The Solar Impulse 2 landed in Abu Dhabi after completing the first fuel-free circumnavigation of the Earth

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## Today in History

July 27, 1054

▲ **Macbeth**, the king of Scotland immortalised in Shakespeare's play, was defeated at Dunsinane by a combined army of English, Norse and lowland Scots

**1921:** Insulin was first isolated at Toronto University. It proved an effective treatment for diabetes

**1949:** The first commercial jet airliner, Britain's De Havilland Comet, made its maiden flight

**1974:** The U.S. House Judiciary Committee voted to impeach President Richard Nixon over the Watergate affair

**1974:** A month after his defection to the West, Soviet ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov made his U.S. debut

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