

GN46037 On this day in history Week31 Jul 28 - August 3



Today in History

July 28, 1858

▲ The first use of fingerprints as a means of identification was made by William Herschel in India. He asked a businessman to impress his hand print on a contract

1914: Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia following the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand

1995: The Indian city of Bombay was renamed Mumbai in honor of the goddess Maa

2004: China's first space research station, in Shenzhou 6, was launched

2005: The Indian cricket team ended its 36-year drought against Britain

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Today in History

July 29, 1994

▲ Pioneering British chemist Dorothy Hodgkin, who used X-ray crystallography to reveal the structure of vitamins and proteins such as insulin, died aged 84

1879: America's first asphalt pavement was laid in New Jersey

1890: Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh died from a self-inflicted gunshot



Today in History

July 30, 1792

▲ La Marseillaise, which was later adopted as the French national anthem, was first sung in Paris by revolutionaries marching on Louis XVI's palace in the Tuileries

1974: A ceasefire deal was agreed to end weeks of fighting in Cyprus, with a UN-patrolled buffer zone to keep Greek and Turkish factions apart



Today in History

July 31, 1954

▲ K2, located on the Pakistan and China border and at 8,611 metres the world's second highest peak, was first climbed by an Italian expedition led by Ardito Desio

1994: F1 driver Jos Verstappen had a miraculous escape when his car burst into flames at the German Grand Prix

1999: NASA's Mars Global Surveyor crashed a

to see if

of water

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August 1, 1944

▲ The 63-day Warsaw Uprising began when Polish underground resistance fighters rose up in an attempt to liberate the city from the Nazi occupation

1939: Big-band leader Glenn Miller recorded what would become his signature tune, In the Mood

1974: The first nuclear-powered submarine designed and built in China entered service

2014: Ukrainian government troops moved into the rebel strongholds of Luhansk and Donetsk

2023: Moscow blamed Ukraine as a second drone strike in two days hit the city's financial district

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Today in History

August 2, 2018

▲ Apple became the world's first public company to be worth \$1 trillion, beating Silicon Valley rivals Amazon and Microsoft to hit the valuation

1934: Adolf Hitler declared himself Fuehrer of Germany on the death of President Hindenberg

1939: Albert Einstein, worried that Germany was developing bombs using uranium, urged the U.S. to start an atomic project

2004: Pioneering photojournalist Henri Cartier-Bresson died at age 95

2009: Bolivia became the first South American nation to give indigenous people self-government

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Today in History

August 3, 1492

▲ Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria, on a voyage that would take him to the New World

1946: The world's first theme park, Santa Claus Land, opened in the U.S. town of Santa Claus in Indiana

1999: The U.S. government was ordered to pay \$16m for Abraham Zapruder's film of the assassination of President Kennedy

2004: NASA successfully launched its Messenger probe to Mercury

2005: The first cloned puppy, grown from a single ear cell from a three year-old male dog, was presented

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