

GN46052 On this day in history Week32 - August 4-10



Today in History

August 4, 1944

▲ Anne Frank and her family were discovered by the Nazis after two years hiding in attic rooms in Amsterdam. Anne's famous diary was published after the war

1789: During the French Revolution, the Constituent Assembly abolished all feudal privileges and rights

1854: Japanese merchant ships were ordered to distinguish themselves by flying the sun flag

1914: What was the first major conflict of the First World War

1954: Britain's first fighter plane, the Lightning, was unveiled

Picture: Newscom



Today in History

August 5, 1884

▲ The cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York City harbour. Around 3.5 million people visit the landmark each year

1999: Montenegro proposed that it should be given equal status as its larger neighbour Serbia

2014: Russia's first president, Vladimir Putin, was elected



Today in History

August 6, 1945

▲ The Japanese city of Hiroshima was obliterated by the first use of an atomic bomb in warfare. The blast and subsequent firestorm killed up to 80,000 people

1824: Simon Bolivar and Colombian patriots decisively defeated the Spanish cavalry at the Battle of Junin

2014: The USA's first president, George Washington, was elected



Today in History

August 7, 1947

▲ Thor Heyerdahl's raft Kon-Tiki reached Polynesia 101 days after leaving Peru, indicating pre-Incan people could have colonised the area by drifting on ocean currents

1944: IBM dedicated the first program-controlled calculator. It could do three additions per second

1959: The first satellite, the first



Today in History

August 8, 2023

▲ Wildfires driven by high winds destroyed the historic town of Lahaina on the Hawaiian island of Maui. More than 100 people lost their lives

1854: Smith and Wesson patented a self-contained metal bullet that improved reliability and reloading times

1899: Albert T. Marshall received a patent for the first mechanical household refrigerator machine

1974: U.S. President Richard Nixon announced his resignation due to his involvement in the Watergate scandal

1994: The first border crossing was opened between Jordan and Israel, ending 46 years of hostilities

Picture: Getty Images



Today in History

August 9, 1999

▲ Former KGB officer Vladimir Putin was named acting prime minister of Russia after President Boris Yeltsin sacked his fourth premier in 17 months

1969: Actress Sharon Tate was brutally murdered by followers of cult leader Charles Manson

2004: The world's deepest vertical drop, 516m deep, was found in a cave in Croatia's Velebit mountains

2014: An unarmed black teenager was shot dead by police in the U.S., sparking outrage across the country

2023: Ecuadorian presidential candidate Fernando Villavicencio was assassinated

Picture: Newscom



Today in History

August 10, 1519

▲ Ferdinand Magellan sailed from Seville to find a western passage to the Indies. His crew would eventually complete the first circumnavigation of the globe

1969: The Apollo 11 astronauts, isolated for three weeks after their return from the moon, left quarantine

1984: U.S. athlete Mary Decker tripped over the leg of barefoot runner Zola Budd in the Olympic 3,000m final

1999: Islamic militants declared an independent state in the southern Russian region of Dagestan

2014: Recep Tayyip Erdogan secured a historic win in Turkey's first ever direct presidential election

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