

GN46115 On this day in history Week33 - August 11 - 17



Today in History

August 11, 1994

▲ The era of internet shopping began when a CD version of an album by Sting became the first item sold online in a secure purchase

1978: The bacteria responsible for Legionnaire's disease was isolated

1984: Ronald Reagan caused a scare by saying the U.S. would bomb Russia when testing

1999: The U.S. dropped the first nuclear bomb on the school site

2016: A scientist discovered a new species of Greenland shark, at least 400 years old

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Today in History

August 12, 2014

▲ Hollywood star Lauren Bacall, best known for her husky voice and smouldering looks in movies such as To Have and Have Not, died at age 89

30 BCE: Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt, committed suicide allegedly by an asp bite to her breast

1914: The first electric airplane



Today in History

August 13, 1999

▲ German tennis star Steffi Graf retired, ending a 17-year career that included 22 Grand Slam titles. She won each of the four Grand Slams at least four times

1814: The Netherlands ceded the Cape of Good Hope to Britain

1964: The last executions in Britain took place when two men were



Today in History

August 14, 2018

▲ A 200m section of a motorway bridge collapsed in Genoa, Italy, plunging vehicles on to rail tracks and warehouses below. Over 40 people were killed

1969: British troops were deployed in Northern Ireland in a bid to quell sectarian violence

1974: Fighting resumed in Cyprus after a Turkish invasion
2017: A Turkish plane was shot down at the Guba base
2018: Donald Trump was indicted in 2020

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August 15, 1939

▲ The Wizard of Oz, MGM's version of L. Frank Baum's fantasy, premiered in Hollywood, catapulting a young Judy Garland to stardom

1969: The legendary Woodstock Music and Arts Fair began on Max Yasgur's farm at Bethel, in upstate New York

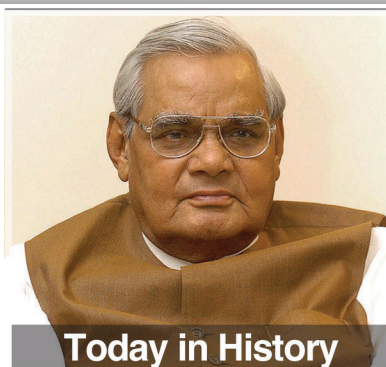
1971: The U.S. broke from the gold standard, a system that linked the value of its currency directly to gold

1974: The wife of South Korean President Park Chung-Hee was killed by an assassin targeting Park, who was himself assassinated in 1979

1994: Illich Ramirez Sanchez, "Carlos the Jackal", was captured in Sudan

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Today in History

August 16, 2018

▲ Former Indian prime minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, who played a key role in transforming India into a global nuclear power, died at the age of 93

1974: Turkish and Greek Cypriot forces declared a ceasefire, leaving around one-third of Cyprus in Turkish hands

1989: A solar flare created a geomagnetic storm strong enough to halt trading on Toronto's stock market

1999: Russia's parliament approved the nomination of Vladimir Putin as the country's new prime minister

2004: Prince Hans-Adam handed responsibility for governing the tiny state of Liechtenstein to his eldest son

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Today in History

August 17, 1962

▲ Peter Fechter, 18, was shot by East German guards as he tried to flee across the Berlin Wall. He bled to death in the most notorious case in the history of the wall

1945: Dr Sukarno, who led efforts to resist Dutch re-colonization after World War II, declared Indonesia independent

1945: George Orwell's satirical novel Animal Farm was published

2004: Serbia reinstated the coat of arms and national anthem it used before 1918, when the country became part of Yugoslavia

2012: Three members of the Russian punk band Pussy Riot were jailed for performing an anti-Putin song

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