

# GN46116 On this day in history Week34 - August 18 - 24



## Today in History

August 18, 1960

▲ The first oral contraceptive went on sale in the United States. The pill is now the most popular form of birth control, used by over 100 million women worldwide

1227: Genghis Khan, who founded the Mongol Empire by uniting the nomadic tribes of Northeast Asia, died

1954: James E. Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, was the first African American man to attend the White House

1958: The cover of the Playboy magazine featuring a nude girl, was published

1964: South Africa won the Olympic gold medal in the 4x100m relay, despite the apartheid policy

Picture: Newscom



## Today in History

August 19, 2004

▲ Internet search engine Google was floated on the New York Stock Exchange. The offer price of \$85 shot up 18 percent on the first day of trading

1979: The Vietnamese-backed Cambodian government passed a death sentence in absentia on former dictator Pol Pot for genocide



## Today in History

August 20, 2023

▲ Captain Olga Carmona (right), scored the winning goal as Spain beat England 1-0 to become the first European team to win the Women's World Cup since 2007

1914: German forces occupied the Belgian capital, Brussels, during WWI

1949: A new assembly in Hungary selected a Soviet-style constitution



## Today in History

August 21, 1911

▲ Leonardo da Vinci's portrait of the Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris by Italian waiter Vincenzo Perruggia. It was recovered in 1913

1944: U.S., British, Russian and Chinese representatives met to plan the formation of the United Nations

1959: Mao Zedong was proclaimed the Great Helmsman of the Chinese Revolution

1979: The Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia

1990: The Soviet Union agreed to withdraw its troops from Eastern Europe

2001: The World Trade Center towers were completed

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## Today in History

August 22, 2023

▲ Hun Manet was sworn in as prime minister of Cambodia, succeeding his father Hun Sen, who had held the post for 38 years of hardline rule

1962: The USS Savannah, the world's first nuclear-powered ship, completed her maiden voyage

2004: Armed robbers stole Norway's most famous painting, The Scream, by Edvard Munch

2009: Hundreds of rebels in Nigeria's southern Delta region surrendered their weapons in a government amnesty

2012: After 19 years of negotiations, Russia became the newest member of the World Trade Organisation

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## Today in History

August 23, 2023

▲ Wagner Group leader Yevgeny Prigozhin and nine others died when his private jet crashed in Russia, two months after his brief mutiny against the Kremlin

1754: King Louis XVI of France, who would be guillotined during the French Revolution, was born at Versailles

1989: Citizens of the Baltic states marked 50 years since the signing of a Soviet-Nazi pact that saw them absorbed into the Soviet Union

1999: Berlin resumed its role as the capital of a united Germany

2023: India's Chandrayaan-3 became the first spacecraft to land near the south pole of the moon

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## Today in History

August 24, 2001

▲ Researchers in Kenya revealed that Africa's forest and savanna elephants are two different species, raising to three the number of living elephant species

1994: Israel and the PLO signed an accord giving limited autonomy to Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank

1994: Thousands of Cubans took to the sea to reach Florida before the U.S. ended automatic political asylum

2004: Chechen suicide bombers destroyed two Russian airliners on flights out of Moscow, killing 90 people

2006: Pluto was recategorised as a "dwarf planet"

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