

GN46212 On this day in history Week37 - September 8-14



Today in History

September 8, 2023

▲ A 6.8-magnitude earthquake struck Morocco, killing over 2,900 people and causing widespread damage in Marrakesh and in villages in the Atlas Mountains

1504: Michelangelo's 5.15m statue of David was unveiled in Florence

1664: The Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam surrendered to the British, who renamed it New York

1994: The last Soviet troops left Berlin, ending the once-divided city

2004: NASA's Mars Global Surveyor crashed on Mars after a two-year mission, ending hopes of solar wind harvesting

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Today in History

September 9, 2015

▲ Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-serving monarch in British history, after 63 years and 216 days. Her reign eventually lasted 70 years and 214 days

1975: Czech tennis player Martina Navratilova, aged 18, requested political asylum in the United States

1995: A Russian satellite launched into orbit



Today in History

September 10, 2023

▲ Storm Daniel hit Libya, causing catastrophic flooding in the city of Derna after two dams collapsed in torrential rains, leaving thousands dead or missing

1989: Hungary opened its border to the West, prompting a mass exodus of East German refugees

1995: The first attempt to clone a human



Today in History

September 11, 1999

▲ Tennis star Serena Williams won the U.S. Open tournament at Flushing Meadows, achieving a first Grand Slam victory ahead of her elder sister Venus

1850: Famous operatic soprano Jenny Lind, known as the "Swedish Nightingale", gave her first concert in the U.S.

1952: The first artificial heart valve, designed by Dr. Willem Johan Kolff, was implanted into the chest of a patient

1955: The first British television commercial was broadcast, exposing the public to advertising and 60s culture

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Today in History

September 12, 2023

▲ North Korea's Kim Jong Un met President Vladimir Putin in eastern Russia, fuelling Western concerns that Pyongyang would provide support for the war in Ukraine

1940: Cave wall paintings that proved to be 17,000 years old were discovered near Lascaux, France

1974: Emperor Haile Selassie, ruler of Ethiopia since 1930, was deposed in an army coup

1989: The first non-Communist government in eastern Europe since the 1940s took office in Poland

1994: NATO troops and their former communist foes conducted their first joint military exercise in Poland

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Today in History

September 13, 1990

▲ A physician investigating the transmission of yellow fever was bitten by a mosquito and died of the disease, thus proving that the mosquito was the carrier

1994: North Korea allowed UN nuclear inspectors access to two atomic sites

1999: A second apartment block in Moscow was destroyed by a bomb

2004: A U.S. law banning the sale of 19 semi-automatic assault weapons expired and was not renewed by Congress

2004: President Vladimir Putin proposed major changes in Russia's political system to bolster defences against terrorism

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Today in History

September 14, 2009

▲ Actor Patrick Swayze died from cancer at age 57. He leapt to fame in the hit 1987 film Dirty Dancing and scored another major success with the 1990 weepie, Ghost

1959: The Soviet Luna 2 crashed on to the moon, the first space probe to reach a celestial body

1974: Two giant pandas, Chia Chia and Ching Ching, arrived in London as a gift to Britain's Prime Minister

1994: Baseball team owners called off the entire U.S. season following a month-long strike by players

2010: A bill banning the wearing of the Islamic full face veil in public was approved in France

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