

# GN46213 On this day in history Week38 - September 15-21



## Today in History

September 15, 2007

▲ Melting sea ice in the Arctic Ocean opened up the Northwest Passage, clearing a long-sought but historically impassable route between Europe and Asia

1224: Saint Francis of Assisi received the full stigmata mimicking the wounds of Jesus on the cross  
1928: The antibiotic penicillin was discovered by Alexander Fleming  
1959: Nikita Khrushchev, first Soviet leader, was seeking a "peace with honor"  
2017: The California wildfires plunged into the end of a record-breaking fire season

Picture: Newscom



## Today in History

September 16, 1908

▲ General Motors (GM) was incorporated with \$2,000 capital, and generated \$12m in cash in 12 days. The image shows the GM building in New York in the 1940s

1884: U.S. ophthalmologist Carl Koller first used cocaine as a local anaesthetic in eye surgery  
1924: Louisa Braille one of the first blind people to be educated



## Today in History

September 17, 1976

▲ NASA unveiled the first Space Shuttle, named Enterprise after the fictional starship from Star Trek. The launch was witnessed by the cast from the hit TV show

1871: The Mont Cenis Tunnel from France to Italy was the first of the great tunnels through the Alps to be opened  
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## Today in History

September 18, 2014

▲ Scotland voted in a referendum on independence, with 55 percent of the country's 4.2 million voters opting to remain part of the United Kingdom

1934: The Soviet Union joined the League of Nations

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## Today in History

September 19, 2023

▲ Azerbaijan recaptured the breakaway republic of Nagorno-Karabakh in a lightning offensive that emptied the region of its ethnic Armenian population

1991: Cave paintings discovered in southern France were found to be over 27,000 years old  
1991: The frozen body of a Stone Age "iceman" around 5,300 years old was discovered in the Alps  
1994: U.S. forces landed in Haiti without a shot being fired, aiming to restore democracy in the nation  
2009: The first western commercial vessels travelled between Asia and Europe via the Russian Arctic

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## Today in History

September 20, 1934

▲ Italian film star Sophia Loren was born. Her Best Actress Oscar, for the 1961 film Two Women, was the first won by any artist for a foreign-language performance

1519: Ferdinand Magellan sailed from Spain to find a western passage to the Indies  
1859: The first electric stove was patented in the United States. Prior to that wood, coal, or gas was used  
1949: The first government of the Federal Republic of Germany was announced  
1994: IAEA members signed a document designed to improve security at atomic reactors worldwide

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## Today in History

September 21, 1942

▲ The Boeing B-29 bomber made its maiden flight. The plane, known as the Superfortress, carried out the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945

1874: Composer Gustav Holst, best known for his orchestral suite, The Planets, was born  
1964: Malta gained independence after 164 years of British rule  
1992: The Vatican and Mexico established full diplomatic relations after Mexico repealed restrictions on religious organisations  
2023: Media mogul Rupert Murdoch stepped down as chair of Fox and News Corp

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