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Today in History

October 27, 1904

▲ The first underground section of the New York subway was opened. Mayor George McClellan enjoyed driving it so much he refused to hand control to a motorman

1901: After robbing a Paris shop, thieves escaped in the first known use of a "getaway car"

1914: Welsh poet and playwright Dylan Thomas, best known for his play Under Milk Tree

1986: The first computerised London Underground map was released

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Today in History

October 28, 2023

▲ Matthew Perry, who played the wisecracking Chandler Bing in the hit TV sitcom Friends but suffered from drugs and alcohol addiction, was found dead at age 54

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Today in History

October 29, 1923

▲ The Republic of Turkey was proclaimed with Mustafa Kemal Ataturk as its first president. His adoption of secularism radically transformed Turkish society

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October 30, 1894

▲ A patent was obtained for industrial production of the Italian sweet bread, Pandoro. Meaning Golden Bread, it was previously affordable only to the rich

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Today in History

October 31, 1984

▲ Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh bodyguards in revenge for an attack on the Sikh holy shrine of the Golden Temple in Amritsar

1932: Franklin D. Roosevelt outlined his "New Deal" to assist recovery in the U.S. after the Great Depression

1982: London's Thames Barrier, the world's second-largest movable flood barrier, became operational

2014: Virgin Galactic's space plane, SpaceShipTwo, crashed soon after takeoff, killing one of its two pilots

2018: India unveiled the 182m Statue of Unity, depicting its first deputy prime minister, Vallabhbhai Patel

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Today in History

November 1, 2000

▲ Influential Swedish football manager Sven-Göran Eriksson, who died in August this year, was appointed as the first non-British coach of the England team

1512: Michelangelo's painted ceiling in the Sistine Chapel in Rome was unveiled to the public

1894: A French doctor named Roux announced he had discovered a vaccine against diphtheria using an anti-toxin produced by horses

1954: Algerian nationalists began a war for independence from France

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Today in History

November 2, 2023

▲ Entrepreneur Sam Bankman-Fried was convicted of fraud and money laundering over his role in the bankruptcy of cryptocurrency exchange FTX

1917: The Balfour Declaration proclaimed British support for the "establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people"

1959: The first stretch of the M1, Britain's first motorway, opened, initially with no speed limits

1964: King Saud of Saudi Arabia abdicated in favour of his brother, Crown Prince Faisal

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