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Today in History

November 3, 2014

▲ One World Trade Center, the tallest building in the western hemisphere, opened 13 years after the original twin towers were destroyed on September 11, 2001

1838: The Times of India, the world's highest circulation English language daily newspaper, was founded

1914: Mary Phelps Jacob invented a U.S. patent for the prototype of the handkerchief

1954: French Impressionist painters of the 19th century

2004: Hamid Karzai became president of Afghanistan

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Today in History

November 4, 1979

▲ Iranian supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Revolution seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and captured 90 hostages, 52 of whom were held for 444 days

1854: Florence Nightingale and a team of nurses set up hospital in Turkey to aid British wounded in the Crimean War

1900: Conservationist Dr. David



Today in History

November 5, 2018

▲ The Voyager 2 space probe, launched in 1977, became the second manmade object to leave the Solar System, six years after its twin craft, Voyager 1

1919: The great screen lover Rudolph Valentino was reportedly locked out of his room on his wedding night

1974: Chinese Jiefangjun Day



Today in History

November 6, 1814

▲ Adolphe Sax, musician and instrument maker who invented the saxophone, now a staple feature of both jazz and marching bands, was born

1956: Construction of the Kariba High Dam began on the Zambesi River between Zambia and Zimbabwe

1989: The UN General Assembly

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November 7, 1874

▲ A cartoon published in U.S. magazine Harper's Weekly is considered to be the first major use of an elephant as a symbol for the Republican Party

1974: British aristocrat Lord Lucan mysteriously disappeared after his children's nanny was murdered

1990: Dublin lawyer Mary Robinson became Ireland's first woman president

2009: Scientists in New Zealand discovered dinosaur footprints thought to be 70 million years old

2016: Canadian singer and poet Leonard Cohen, one of the foremost songwriters of his era, died aged 82

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Today in History

November 8, 1997

▲ Engineers blocked China's Yangtze River as construction began of the Three Gorges dam, the world's largest hydroelectric power project

1804: A patent for a separable electric plug removed the need to hardwire devices to the power source

1895: William Roentgen discovered electro-magnetic rays, which he called X-rays

1968: The Vienna Convention on Road Traffic introduced an international standard for road signs

1994: The UN war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia held its first public hearing

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Today in History

November 9, 1989

▲ Jubilant Berliners celebrated the fall of the Berlin Wall as the East German government threw open its border to West Berlin and West Germany

1799: A 33-year-old Corsican general, Napoleon Bonaparte, seized power in France in a coup d'etat

1961: Brian Epstein first saw the Beatles perform at the Cavern Club in Liverpool

1967: The first Saturn V rocket, carrying the unmanned Apollo 4 spacecraft, was successfully launched

2014: Catalonia staged a symbolic independence poll in defiance of objections from Madrid

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