

GN46370 On this day in history Week47 November 17-23



Today in History

November 17, 1849

▲ London's oldest hat shop sold the first ever bowler hat, ordered by a customer who required protection from low-hanging branches when out shooting

1869: The Suez Canal opened, linking the Mediterranean to the Red Sea

1969: The Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) between the U.S. and the Soviet U.

1970: The cast out wooden button and tape

1989: Tens of thousands marched through Prague to an end to communist rule in Czechoslovakia

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Today in History

November 18, 1307

▲ William Tell shot an apple off his son's head with a crossbow, an act of rebellion against Austria that led to the establishment of the Swiss Confederation

1477: William Caxton produced the first dated book printed in the English language

1893: The first push button telephone



Today in History

November 19, 2023

▲ Rosalynn Carter, former U.S. First Lady as the wife of President Jimmy Carter, died at age 96. She became a leading advocate for women's rights and mental health

1949: Prince Rainier III was sworn in as the 30th ruling Prince of Monaco

1999: China launched its first, uncrewed Shenzhou spacecraft



Today in History

November 20, 1947

▲ Britain's future Queen Elizabeth II married Lt. Philip Mountbatten, a former prince of Greece and Denmark who renounced his titles to marry the princess

1929: Catalan artist Salvador Dali held his first one-man show in Paris

1974: The first crash involving a Boeing 747 jumbo jet occurred



Today in History

November 21, 1964

▲ The Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, marking the gateway to New York harbour, was opened. It hosts the start of the annual New York Marathon each year

1694: French Enlightenment writer and philosopher Voltaire was born in Paris

1969: The first permanent ARPANET link between computers across the U.S. was established

1994: NATO launched the biggest air strike in its 45-year history against a rebel Serb-held airfield in Croatia

2004: A presidential run-off in Ukraine between the pro-western and Russian-backed candidates triggered the Orange Revolution

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Today in History

November 22, 1963

▲ U.S. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. He and his wife Jackie are pictured arriving at the city's Love Field airport that morning

1995: Toy Story, the first feature-length film created entirely using computer generated images, was released

2002: Scientists suggested that all dogs are descended from wolves living in East Asia 15,000-40,000 years ago

2005: Angela Merkel formally became Germany's first female Chancellor

2023: Far-right leader Geert Wilders won a dramatic election victory in the Netherlands

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Today in History

November 23, 1889

▲ The world's first "jukebox" was installed. Unlike the later model above, listeners used earphones to hear songs on a coin-operated, wax cylinder phonograph

534 BCE: Thespis of Icaria became the first recorded actor to portray a character on stage

2009: A mass vaccination campaign against yellow fever targeted 11.9m people in sub-Saharan Africa

2014: Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won the F1 championship for the second time

2015: Blue Origin's unmanned rocket landed back on its original launch pad, the first time this was achieved

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