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Text

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- Standard
- Large

Width

- Standard
- Wide

Color (beta)

- Automatic
- Light
- Dark

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Mališan was a [CB-class midget submarine](#) that served in the [Yugoslav Navy](#) (JRM) from 1953 to 1957. [Laid down](#) for the [Italian Navy](#) during World War II as *CB-20*, she was intended for harbour



CB-20 after restoration

defence and [anti-submarine warfare](#) tasks, but was incomplete at the time of the [Italian surrender](#) in September 1943. The unfinished boat was captured by the [Germans](#) and completed by March 1944. Handed over to [the navy](#) of the [Italian Social Republic](#) – a wartime German [puppet state](#) – she was captured by [Yugoslav](#) forces at the end of the war. She was repaired and [commissioned](#) in a training role by the JRM. In 1959, she was donated to the [Technical Museum](#) in [Zagreb](#) as a [museum ship](#), and was on display for almost 50 years before undergoing an extensive restoration between 2008 and 2010. The restored submarine (*pictured*) returned to public display on 8 April 2010. The decision to revert to its original Italian paint scheme and designation as part of the restoration has been criticised. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that Ethiopian migrants have to stay in Malawi's overcrowded [Maula Prison](#) until they can fund their own deportation?
- ... that [Fatahillah](#), billed as the saviour of the Indonesian film industry and at the time its most expensive domestic film, was a commercial failure?
- ... that [a Russian Air Force pilot](#) was convicted in absentia of war crimes after being exchanged in a prisoner swap?
- ... that [a mobster](#) was kidnapped for three days while helping the [United States Virgin Islands recover from the 1928 Okeechobee hurricane](#)?
- ... that, when the [National Sporting Club](#) introduced the [Lonsdale Belt](#) in 1909, it guaranteed permanent holders a pension of £1 a week from age 50?
- ... that the late Renée Good wrote an [award-winning poem](#)?
- ... that [Duos for Doris](#) was [Keith Rowe](#) and [John Tilbury](#)'s first exclusive collaboration despite having worked with each other for around forty years?
- ... that [a Chinese activist](#) jet-skied 300 kilometres (190 mi) over 14 hours to escape to South Korea?



Old South Meeting House

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- In [NCAA Division I](#) basketball, the [UCLA Bruins](#) win [the women's championship](#) (*Most Outstanding Player [Lauren Betts](#) pictured*).
- [NASA](#)'s [Artemis II](#) performs its lunar [flyby](#) maneuver, becoming the farthest crewed mission from Earth.
- In Mongolia, [Nyam-Osoryn Uchral](#) is sworn in as [prime minister](#) following the resignation of [Gombojavyn Zandanshatar](#).
- The [Social Democrats](#), led by Prime Minister [Mette Frederiksen](#), remain the largest party after [the Danish general election](#), with no political bloc winning a majority of seats.



Lauren Betts

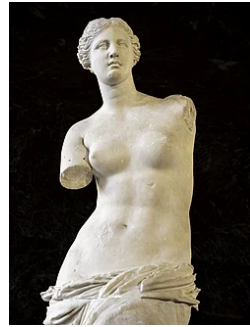
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On this day

April 8

- **876** – [Abbasid](#) forces **decisively defeated** the [Saffarid](#) emir [Ya'qub ibn Laith](#), forcing the latter to halt his advance into Iraq.
- **1630** – [Kiliaen van Rensselaer](#) purchased land near present-day [Albany, New York](#), to establish [Rensselaerswyck](#), which became the most successful [patroonship](#) under the [Dutch West India Company](#).
- **1820** – The [Venus de Milo](#) (*pictured*), an ancient Greek statue of a woman with its arms missing, was discovered on the island of [Milos](#).
- **1961** – A large explosion on board the [MV Dara](#) in the [Persian Gulf](#) killed 238 people.
- **2008** – On board [Soyuz TMA-12](#), [Yi So-yeon](#) became the first Korean astronaut.



Venus de Milo

[Thomas of Tolentino](#) (d. 1321) · [Marie Byles](#) (b. 1900) · [Shecky Greene](#) (b. 1926) · [Mir sada Burić](#) (b. 1970)

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From today's featured list

In 2021, [twenty-seven singles by eighteen acts](#) ranked number one on the [Inkigayo](#) Chart, a music-program [record chart](#) on [Seoul Broadcasting System](#) (SBS) that gives an award to the best-performing [single](#) of the week in South Korea. In 2021, the chart measured digital performance in domestic online music services (5,500 points), social media via [YouTube](#) views (3,000 points), album sales (1,000 points), network on-air time (1,000 points), and advanced viewer votes (500 points) in its ranking methodology, for a total of 11,000 points. Nine songs collected award trophies for three weeks and earned a Triple Crown. Five acts and three soloists had their first number-one song on the chart in 2021, including the girl group [Aespa](#) (*pictured*), which had two number ones including the highest-scoring single, "[Savage](#)", with 10,699 points. Seven other acts had multiple number-one singles on the chart in 2021. ([Full list...](#))



Aespa

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Seattle is the largest city in the US state of [Washington](#). With an estimated population of 780,000, it is the 18th-most populous city in the United States, while the wider [Seattle metropolitan area](#) exceeds four million residents. The city lies on an isthmus between [Puget Sound](#) and [Lake Washington](#), and it is a major port and gateway for trade with the Asia-Pacific region. Founded in 1851 and named after [Chief Seattle](#), a local [Native American](#) leader, the city grew through logging, maritime trade, and the [Klondike Gold Rush](#). In the 20th and 21st centuries, it has been a center for aerospace and technology led by companies such as [Boeing](#), [Microsoft](#), and [Amazon](#). Today, Seattle is a major hub for trade and technology, and is known for its influence on music. This long-exposure photograph shows the skyline of [Downtown Seattle](#) at night, with [Interstate 5](#) in the foreground.

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