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1st observation of Transit of Venus by Jeremiah Horrocks and William Crabtree - helped establish size of the Solar System

1642

English naturalist Charles Darwin publishes "On the Origin of Species" radically changing the view of evolution and laying the foundation for evolutionary biology



1950

UN troops begin an assault intending to end Korean War by Christmas

1974

Most complete early human skeleton (Lucy, Australopithecus) discovered by Donald Johanson, Maurice Taieb, Yves Coppens and Tim White in the Middle Awash of Ethiopia's Afar Depression

Jerusalem kill one



Security and rescue forces work at the scene of an explosion at a bus stop in Jerusalem

(Israeli) occupation and the settlers".

The explosions came as former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu negotiates with allies to form a new right-wing government including members of religious and far-right parties.

One of his allies, ultra-nationalist lawmaker Itamar Ben-Gvir who heads the Jewish Power party, visited the scene of the first bombing where he demanded tough action against militants.

"Even if it's in the West Bank, lay siege to them and go from house to house in search of guns and restore our deterrence power," said Ben-Gvir, who hopes to be appointed police minister in the new government.

In a separate incident, Palestinian gunmen late on Tuesday abducted the body of an Israeli high-school student who had died in a Palestinian hospital in the West Bank city of Jenin af-

ter being injured in a car crash nearby, the teenager's uncle told Kan Radio.

A diplomat source told Reuters that United Nations was mediating on the release of the body and Israeli military said it expected that that would happen soon.

It was unclear why the gunmen had taken the body and there was no immediate indication of any connection between this incident and the bombings.

Employee kills 6 and himself in Virginia

confirmed dead, including the shooter, four people were being treated at area hospitals, Solesky said.

Employees told media that the shooter was a manager at the cavernous Walmart Supercenter just off Battlefield Boulevard in Chesapeake, a city of about 250,000 people south of Norfolk.

"I looked up and my manager

just opened the door and he just opened fire," Briana Tyler said, according to ABC News.

"The Battlefield Walmart just got shot up by one of my managers. He killed a couple of people. By the grace of God I made it out," another employee, Kevin Harper, told CBS. Walmart in a statement said it was "shocked" at the violence at the Chesapeake store

and it was working closely with law enforcement. It is not the first mass shooting at a Walmart, which has thousands of stores across the United States.

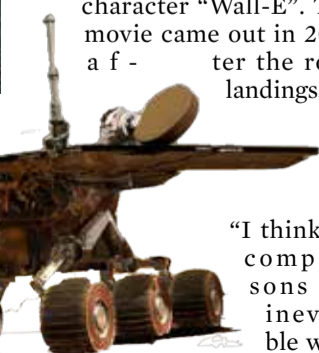
At a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, in August 2019, 23 people were killed in a mass shooting near the US-Mexico border in an act described as domestic terrorism by law enforcement.

Opportunity may make you cry

emotional, posing a filmmaking challenge. "I was totally wrong," said White.

"Once we met the human being characters, it was an embarrassment of riches. These are people that are living day to day getting to do the things that we all dreamed about doing as kids ... and it's not just work to them. It's their life. It's their daughter on Mars, as a lot of them see her."

One of the major comparisons made by filmgoers is that the rovers look uncannily like the Pixar Studios animation character "Wall-E". That movie came out in 2008, a few years after the rover landings.



"I think the comparisons are inevitable when

we're making a doc about a little robot alone on a planet," White said.

"There's just something so endearing emotionally to that idea." "Good Night Oppy", currently in select US cinemas, begins streaming on Amazon on Nov. 23.



Opportunity was the second of the two rovers launched in 2003 to land on Mars and begin traversing the Red Planet in search of signs of ancient water. The rover explored the Martian terrain for almost 15 years, far outlasting her planned 90-day mission.

Some Russian commanders encouraged sexual violence, says lawyer advising Kyiv

Reuters | Kyiv

There is evidence that Russian commanders in several instances were aware of sexual violence by military personnel in Ukraine "and in some cases, encouraging it or even ordering it," according to an international criminal lawyer assisting Kyiv's war crimes investigations.

British lawyer Wayne Jordash told Reuters that in some areas around the capital of Kyiv in the north, where the probes are most advanced, some of the sexual violence involved a level of organisation by Russian armed forces that "speaks to planning on a more systematic level." He didn't identify specific individuals under scrutiny.

The previously unreported findings by investigators about the alleged role of commanders and the systematic nature of attacks in some locations are part of patterns of alleged sexual



Gynecologist Agnieszka Kurczuk points to where Ukrainian refugees she treated were staying in a hostel in Piaseczno, Poland

violence that are emerging as Russia's war in Ukraine enters its ninth month.

Jordash, who is part of a Western-backed team that provides legal expertise to Ukraine,

said it was too early to conclude how widespread the practice was because investigations in recently-recaptured areas of the northeast and south are at an earlier stage. However, the patterns suggest that sexual violence "maybe even more frequent" in territories that were occupied for longer periods, he added, without providing evidence.

Reuters interviewed more than twenty people who worked with alleged victims - including law enforcement, doctors and lawyers - as well as an alleged rape victim and family members of another.

They shared accounts of alleged sexual violence by Russian armed forces that occurred in various parts of Ukraine: many included allegations of family members being forced to watch or multiple soldiers participating or acts being conducted at gunpoint.



Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel and Russian President Vladimir Putin attend an unveiling ceremony of a monument to late Cuban leader Fidel Castro in Moscow, Russia

Evoking Castro, Putin and Cuban leader pledge to deepen ties

Reuters | Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Cuban counterpart Miguel Diaz-Canel unveiled a monument in a north Moscow square yesterday to Cuban revolutionary leader Fidel Castro, pledging to deepen their friendship in the face of US sanctions against both countries.

Castro, who took power in 1959, is not commemorated by statues in his homeland because, his brother Raul said after his death in 2016, he wanted to avoid a personality cult.

But Putin evoked his memory as he told Diaz-Canel the two countries needed to build on the "solid foundation of friendship" established between Castro and Soviet lead-

ers. "It's a real work of art - dynamic, in motion, moving forward. It creates the image of a fighter," Putin said of the statue, which portrays Castro gazing into the distance with hands on hips.

Diaz-Canel said through a translator: "I think it reflects the personality of Fidel in the struggle, as we find ourselves in struggle today."

Addressing the Russian parliament, Diaz-Canel showed his solidarity by directly endorsing Moscow's stated pretext for sending its troops into Ukraine. "The reasons for the current conflict in this zone must be sought in the aggressive policy of the United States and the expansion of NATO towards Russia's borders," he said.

US sanctions Iranian officials amid Tehran's ongoing crackdown on protests

Reuters | Washington

The United States yesterday targeted three Iranian security officials under human rights-related sanctions, the US Treasury Department said, citing Tehran's ongoing crackdown on protesters in Kurdish-majority areas.

The latest US sanctions since demonstrations broke out nationwide in response to the death of 22-year-old Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini in police custody in September targeted key officials involved in Irani-

an authorities' "particularly severe security response" to protests in Kurdish cities in northwestern Iran, the Treasury Department said.

The sanctions hit two officials in the Kurdish city of Sanandaj, Governor Hassan Asgari and Alireza Moradi, the commander of the city's law enforcement forces. The Treasury said Asgari and other officials provided a false cause of death for a 16-year-old protester reportedly killed by security forces.



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Birthdays greetings to Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla Ji. His efforts to further strengthen our Parliamentary democracy are commendable. He is also admired for his rich intellect and Constitutional knowledge. Praying for his long and healthy life.

@narendramodi

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As a nation we have many obligations, but we have only one truly sacred obligation: to prepare our men and women in uniform when we send them into harm's way - and to care for them and their families when they return home. And I promise: we will meet our obligation.

@POTUS

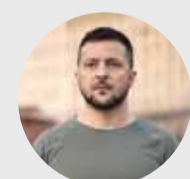
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More and more over time, as we hew closer to the truth, Twitter will earn the trust of the people

@elonmusk

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Welcome @Europarl. EN decision to recognize Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism and as a state which uses means of terrorism. Russia must be isolated at all levels and held accountable in order to end its long-standing policy of terrorism in Ukraine and across the globe.

@ZelenskyyUa

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