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November 23

1890 Ten-year-old Princess Wilhelmina became Queen of the Netherlands upon the death of her father, William III. Her mother, Queen Emma, acted as Regent until 1898.

Birthdays

- Wild West outlaw Billy the Kid (1859-1881) was born in New York City (probably as Henry McCarty, better known as William H. Bonney). He was a ruthless killer who escaped from jail and a sentence of hanging at age 21. He was recaptured at Stinking Springs, New Mexico, but escaped again. At Fort Sumner, on the night of July 14, 1881, he reportedly asked, "Who's there?" only to be shot twice through the heart by Sheriff Pat Garrett.
- Horror film actor Boris Karloff (1887-1969) was born in London (as William Henry Pratt). Best known for appearing in the title role in *Frankenstein* and *The Bride of Frankenstein*.

November 24

- **1859** Charles Darwin's book *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection* was first published, theorising that all living creatures descended from a common ancestor.
- **1863** The Battle of Chattanooga took place during the American Civil War as General Ulysses Grant's soldiers scaled heavily fortified Lookout Mountain and overran Confederate General Braxton Bragg's army.
- **1874** Joseph Glidden patented his invention of barbed wire.
- **1969** The U.S. Army announced that Lt. William L. Calley had been charged with premeditated murder in the massacre of civilians in the Vietnamese village of My Lai in March of 1968. Calley was ordered to stand trial by court-martial and was later convicted and sentenced to life in prison. However, his sentence was later commuted to three years of house arrest by President Richard Nixon.
- **1989** In Czechoslovakia, mass demonstrations resulted in the resignation of the entire praesidium and secretariat of the Czechoslovak Communist Party.
- **1992** The U.S. military departed the Philippines after nearly a century of military presence. In 1991, the Philippine Senate had voted to reject a renewal of the lease for the American military base.

- **1998** - Britain's Queen Elizabeth II opened a new session of Parliament by announcing a bill to do away with the centuries-old right of aristocrats to sit in the House of Lords, thereby taking membership and voting rights away from 759 Dukes, Earls and other hereditary nobles with titles dating as far back as the Middle Ages.

Birthdays

- ❖ Zachary Taylor (1784-1850) the 12th U.S. President was born in Orange County, Virginia. Nicknamed "old rough and ready," he won the presidency as a result of his heroics in the Mexican War of 1846-48. He served as President from March 4, 1849 to July 9, 1850, when he died in the White House after becoming ill.
- ❖ American composer Scott Joplin (1868-1917) was born in Texarkana, Texas. Best known for his piano rags including *Maple Leaf Rag* and *The Entertainer*.
- ❖ German Field Marshal Erich von Manstein (1887-1973) was born in Berlin. His plan for the German invasion of France in 1940 involved staging a surprise attack through the Ardennes Forest, and was a stunning success. He went on to achieve several important victories over the Russians in the East, but was dismissed by Hitler in 1944 following a series of arguments over military strategy.
- ❖ Motivational lecturer Dale Carnegie (1888-1955) was born in Maryville, Missouri. Best known for his 1936 book *How to Win Friends and Influence People* which sold millions of copies and was translated into 29 languages.

November 25,

- **1783** - At the end of the Revolutionary War, the last British troops left New York City.
- **1936** - Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan signed the Anti-Comintern Pact, an agreement to collaborate in opposing the spread of Communism.
- **1963** - Three days after his assassination, John F. Kennedy was buried with full military honours at Arlington National Cemetery.
- **1974** - Britain outlawed the IRA (Irish Republican Army) following the deaths of 21 persons in a pub bombing in Birmingham.
- **1992** - The parliament in Czechoslovakia voted to divide the country into separate Czech and Slovak republics.
- **1995** - By a margin of less than one percent, Ireland voted to legalize divorce, the closest vote in the nation's history.

Birthdays

- American financier Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919) was born in Dunfermline, Scotland. He emigrated to America, made his fortune in steel, then became a major philanthropist. Among his gifts; over 2,500 libraries, Carnegie Hall, Carnegie

Foundation, and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He once wrote, "The man who dies rich dies disgraced."
- American temperance leader Carry Nation (1846-1911) was born in Garrard County, Kentucky. She was famed as a hatchet-wielding smasher of saloons.
- Pope John XXIII (1881-1963) was born in Sotte il Monte, Italy (as Angelo Roncalli). He became the 261st Pope of the Roman Catholic Church in 1958 and served until his death in June of 1963. During his reign, he convened the Second Vatican Council, which modernised the Mass and increased openness to other religions and denominations.
- Chilean military leader Augusto Pinochet (1915-2006) was born in Valparaiso, Chile. He overthrew President Salvador Allende in 1973 and remained in power until he lost the elections in 1990.

November 26

- **1703** - A "Great Storm" lasting two days struck southern England, flooding the Thames and Severn Rivers, killing at least 8,000 persons.
- **1789** - The first American holiday occurred, proclaimed by President George Washington to be Thanksgiving Day, a day of prayer and public thanksgiving in gratitude for the successful establishment of the new American republic.
- **1832** - The first horse-drawn streetcar carried passengers in New York City along Fourth Avenue between Prince Street and 14th Street.
- **1922** - In Egypt, Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon first went inside the tomb of King Tutankhamun.
- **1940** During the Holocaust, Nazis began walling off the Jewish Ghetto in Warsaw, sealing in 400,000 inhabitants while denying them adequate food, sanitation and housing.
- **1979** - After an absence of 21 years, the International Olympic Committee voted to readmit China
- **1992** - British Prime Minister John Major announced Queen Elizabeth II had agreed to pay taxes on her personal income.
- **1998** - In Dublin, Tony Blair became the first British Prime Minister to appear before the Irish Parliament, which had been created 80 years earlier in defiance of the British government.

Birthdays

- Harvard College founder John Harvard (1607-1638) was born in London.
- American physician and women's rights leader, Mary Edwards Walker (1832-1919) was born in Oswego, New York. She was the first female surgeon in the U.S. Army, serving during the Civil War. She was captured and spent four months in a

Confederate prison. In 1865, she became the first and only woman ever to receive the Medal of Honour.

November 27

1701 - Anders Celsius (1701-1744) was born in Sweden. He invented the centigrade (Celsius) temperature scale commonly used in Europe.

Birthdays

- Wild West lawman Bat Masterson (1853-1921) was born in Henryville, Quebec. He was also a gambler, saloonkeeper, and later became a news writer in New York.
- Israeli statesman Chaim Weizmann (1874-1952) was born near Pinsk, Byelorussia. He helped bring about the British government's Balfour Declaration, which called for the establishment of a national home for Jews in Palestine.
- Czech leader Alexander Dubcek (1921-1992) was born in Uhrovec, Slovakia. In 1968, as first secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, he attempted to achieve "socialism with a human face" and loosen Soviet Russia's control of his country. This resulted in a military invasion by the Russians.

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