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Every year brings its own set of pivotal moments that leave a lasting mark on history. From political shifts and technological advancements to cultural breakthroughs, these events shape the world and influence the future. In this comprehensive overview, we'll explore the most significant occurrences from 2008, highlighting key moments that
continue to impact our lives today.01 Jan Eldoret Church Massacre: In a horrific incident of post-election violence in Kenya, fifty people fleeing conflict are killed in an arson attack at a church in Eldoret, highlighting the severe tensions following the disputed presidential elections. 02 Jan Oil Prices Hit $100 per Barrel: Crude oil prices reached an
unprecedented milestone of $100 per barrel, marking a significant moment in global energy economics. This price point represented the highest recorded price in history, reflecting growing global energy demands and geopolitical tensions. 03 Jan Iowa Democratic Caucus Results: In the Iowa Democratic caucuses, Barack Obama emerged victorious,
unexpectedly defeating national front-runner Hillary Clinton, who finished third behind John Edwards. This marked a pivotal moment in the 2008 presidential primary race. 04 Jan Warner Bros. Abandons HD DVD for Blu-ray: Warner Bros., the largest DVD seller in the United States, announced it would discontinue support for HD DVD format and
exclusively adopt Sony's Blu-ray technology. This decision effectively ended the high-definition disc format war, with Blu-ray emerging as the victor. 05 Jan Georgia Presidential Election of 2008: In a significant democratic process, Georgia held early presidential Elections on January 5, 2008, with incumbent President Mikhail Saakashvili securing a
decisive victory by winning 52 percent of the vote. This election was a critical moment in Georgia's post-Soviet political landscape, demonstration with Iranian Boats: Three U.S. Navy warships were confronted by five armed Iranian boats in international
waters near the strategically crucial Strait of Hormuz. This incident heightened tensions between the United States and Iran, underscoring the volatile maritime dynamics in the region. 07 Jan Charles Taylor continued at The Hague in the
Netherlands, representing a significant moment in international criminal justice and accountability for alleged atrocities committed during Liberia's civil conflicts. 08 Jan 2008 New Hampshire Presidential Primary: The New Hampshire primary election marked a crucial moment in the 2008 United States Presidential Election. Voters cast ballots to
determine the nominees for the Democratic and Republican parties. New York Senator Hillary Clinton secured the Democratic nomination, while Arizona Senator John McCain won the Republican primary, setting the stage for a competitive presidential race. 09 Jan Tata Launches World's Most Affordable Car: India's Tata Motors unveiled the Tata
Nano at Pragati Maidan in Delhi, introducing the world's most affordable production car and potentially revolutionizing personal transportation accessibility. 10 Jan Bush's Middle East Peace Proposal: U.S. President George W. Bush proposed a diplomatic solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, calling for Israel to return to pre-1967 borders to
facilitate the establishment of a Palestinian State. 11 Jan Death of Sir Edmund Hillary, Legendary Mountaineer: Sir Edmund Hillary, the pioneering New Zealand mountaineer who became the first person to successfully summit Mount Everest in 1953, passed away in Auckland at the age of 88 due to a heart attack. A global icon of exploration and
adventure, Hillary was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II and was honored as an honorary Nepali citizen for his extraordinary achievements and humanitarian work. 12 Jan Taiwan Parliamentary elections: Parliamentary elections were held in Taiwan, resulting in a significant victory for Ma Ying-jeou's Kuomintang (KMT) party, marking a pivotal moment
in Taiwan's democratic political landscape. 13 Jan Breakthrough in Cardiac Tissue Engineering: Researchers from the University of Minnesota achieved a significant milestone in regenerative medicine by successfully creating a beating heart for rats using cells from newborn rat hearts and a structural scaffold from a deceased mouse heart. 14 Jan
Israel-Palestinian Peace Negotiations: Israel and the Palestinians initiated peace negotiations, representing the first final-status talks since 2001, offering a potential diplomatic breakthrough in the long-standing conflict. 15 Jan 2008 US Presidential Primary Developments: Mitt Romney wins the Michigan Republican Primary, with John McCain placing
second. Hillary Clinton secures the Democratic contest, setting the stage for intense primary battles in Nevada and South Carolina. 16 Jan Oracle Acquires BEA Systems: Oracle Corporation announced a major strategic acquisition of BEA Systems: Oracle Acquires BEA Systems in Boston, Massachusetts, for $8.5 billion in cash, significantly expanding its enterprise software
portfolio. 17 Jan British Airways Flight 38 Crash at Heathrow Airways Boeing 777 experienced a critical engine failure and crash-landed just short of London Heathrow Airways Boeing 777 suffered a complete hull collapse, prompting significant aviation safety.
investigations. 18 Jan Bush Economic Stimulus Package: President George W. Bush proposed a $145 billion economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming to boost economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming to boost economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming to boost economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming to boost economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming to boost economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming to boost economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming to boost economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming to boost economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming to boost economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming to boost economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming to boost economic stimulus package in response to the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the housing market crisis and rising oil prices, aiming the hou
and South Carolina participated in crucial primary elections to determine presidential nominations for the Republican and Democratic parties during the 2008 United States Presidential Election. 20 Jan Breaking Bad TV Series Premiere: The critically acclaimed television series 'Breaking Bad', created by Vince Gilligan and starring Bryan Cranston
and Aaron Paul, makes its debut on AMC. The show would go on to become one of the most celebrated television dramas of the 21st century, following the transformation of a high school chemistry teacher into a methamphetamine manufacturer. 21 Jan Global Stock Market Crash: Worldwide stock markets experienced a catastrophic downturn,
marking the worst trading day since the September 11, 2001 attacks. Significant losses were recorded across global financial markets. 22 Jan Heath Ledger's Tragic Death: Heath Ledger, a talented Australian-American actor known for critically acclaimed roles in 'Brokeback Mountain' and 'The Dark Knight,' died at age 28 from an accidental drug
overdose in New York City. 23 Jan Crude Oil Prices Hit Record High: Global oil markets experienced a significant moment as crude oil prices briefly surpassed $100 per barrel, closing at $99.62, approaching the inflation-adjusted record of $102.81 set in April 1980. 24 Jan Brazil Takes Action Against Amazon Deforestation: The Brazilian government
approved significant legislation aimed at curbing deforestation in the Amazon rainforest, a critical step in environmental conservation efforts. 25 Jan US Defense Secretary's Pakistan Intervention Statement: United States Secretary of Defense Secretary of Defen
and Taliban insurgents, signaling potential direct military intervention in the region. 26 Jan Maria Sharapova Wins Australian Open Women's Title: Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova defeated Serbian player Ana Ivanovic 7-5 and 6-3 to claim the Australian Open Women's Singles title. In the men's doubles, Andy Ram and Yoni Erlich emerged
victorious. 27 Jan Death of Suharto, Former Indonesian Dictator: Suharto, the authoritarian leader who ruled Indonesia from 1966 to 1998, passed away at the age of 86. His regime was known for economic development but also significant human rights abuses and widespread corruption. 28 Jan Florida Republican and Democratic Primaries: In the
2008 US Presidential Primary, John McCain won the Republican caucuses in Florida, while Hillary Clinton secured the Democratic nomination. This was a pivotal moment in the primary season leading up to the November presidential election. 29 Jan Tragic School Bus Mine Explosion in Sri Lanka: A devastating mine explosion targeting a school bus
in Madhu, Sri Lanka, resulted in the deaths of 20 civilians, including 11 children, and injured 14 others, underscoring the brutal impact of conflict on innocent lives. 30 Jan Australian Government announces plans to officially apologize to Indigenous Australians for the historical forced removal of
Aboriginal children from their families, scheduled for February 13 in the Parliament of Australia. 31 Jan Historic 2008 Democratic Presidential Debate: Democratic Presidential Debate: Democratic Presidential Debate: Democratic Presidential Debate: Democratic Presidential Debate of the 2008 United States presidential Debate: Democratic Presidential 
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Dimona, Israel, resulted in one bomber killed and 13 others injured, highlighting ongoing regional tensions. 03 Feb Super Bowl XLII: In a stunning upset, the New York Giants defeat the previously undefeated New England Patriots 17-14 in Super Bowl XLII at Glendale, Arizona. Quarterback Eli Manning is named Most Valuable Player (MVP), leading
his team to a memorable victory. 04 Feb Bush Reveals Record-Breaking Federal Budget: President George W. Bush presents a massive $3.1 trillion spending plan for fiscal 2009, including $515 billion in military spending and $70 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan operations. This is the first electronically presented budget, with significant cuts to
domestic programs. 05 Feb Super Tuesday Presidential Primaries: 24 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections and Democratic caucus elections are selected to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections are selected to select presidential nominees. Barack Obama wins 12 states for Democratic caucus elections are selected to selected 
Senate Rejects Economic Stimulus Package: The United States Senate rejected a $158 billion economic negotiation, reflecting complex political and economic negotiations. 07 Feb Bhutto Death Investigation Conclusion: Scotland Yard investigators
reported that former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto died from a head injury caused by a suicide bomb attack. 08 Feb Scotland Yard detectives investigating the death of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto concluded that she was killed by a bomb blast, not gunfire, adding complexity
to the circumstances of her assassination. 09 Feb Barack Obama Wins Multiple Democratic Contests: Senator Barack Obama from Illinois won Democratic Party caucuses in Nebraska, Washington, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as the primary in Louisiana during the 2008 Presidential Election campaign. 10 Feb Suicide Bombing in Iraq: A tragic
suicide car bomb attack at Balad market killed 25 people. U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates arrived in Iraq to meet with General David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker. 11 Feb 9/11 Terrorism Prosecution: The United States initiated legal proceedings against six alleged al-Qaeda operatives, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, for their
involvement in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for war crimes. 12 Feb 2008 US Presidential Primary Results: On Super Tuesday, Barack Obama won the Democratic primaries in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, taking the lead in delegate count against Hillary Clinton for the first
time. Simultaneously, John McCain secured victories in the Republican primaries for the same states. 13 Feb Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivers a historic formal apology to the Stolen Generations, acknowledging the systemic racism and trauma inflicted on Indigenous Australian children
who were forcibly removed from their families. 14 Feb Northern Illinois University Shooting: On Valentine's Day 2008, a tragic mass shooting occurred at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb County, Illinois. Stephen Kazmierczak, a former student, entered a lecture hall and fired over 50 shots, killing five students and injuring 21 others before
taking his own life. The incident shocked the campus and the nation, highlighting ongoing concerns about campus safety and gun violence. 15 Feb Steve Fossett Legally Declared Dead: After five months of uncertainty following his plane's disappearance in Nevada, adventurer Steve Fossett was officially declared legally dead by the Cook County
Circuit Court in Chicago, Illinois. 16 Feb President Bush Begins African Tour in Benin: U.S. President George W. Bush commenced a significant five-nation diplomatic tour of African continent during his presidency. 17 Feb Kosovo Declares
Independence from Serbia: Kosovo's parliament officially declared independence from Serbia, a significant geopolitical event that was supported by some countries but opposed by others. The declaration was accompanied by tensions, including two hand grenades being thrown at international community buildings in Kosovska Mitrovica. 18 Feb
Kosovo Independence Recognition: The United States and major European powers officially recognize Kosovo's independence from Serbia, a pivotal moment in the Balkan region's geopolitical landscape and a significant diplomatic development. 19 Feb Toshiba Abandons HD DVD Format: Toshiba of Japan announces it is discontinuing its HD DVD
format, effectively ending the high-definition optical disc format war with Sony's Blu-Ray technology. 20 Feb Obama and McCain Advance in Presidential Primaries: Barack Obama secured decisive victories in the Democratic caucuses of Wisconsin and Hawaii, defeating Hillary Clinton. Simultaneously, John McCain won the Wisconsin Republican
primary, strengthening his path to the presidential nomination. 21 Feb Belgrade Embassy Riots: In Belgrade, Serbia, protesters stormed and set fire to the US Embassy, with attacks also targeting British, German, Croatian, and Turkish embassies. The riots were a response to Kosovo's declaration of independence. 22 Feb Putin Criticizes Kosovo
Independence: Russian President Vladimir Putin strongly condemned the recognition of Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence by several world powers, describing it as a 'terrible precedent' that could have far-reaching and unpredictable global consequences. 23 Feb Microsoft Abandons HD DVD for Xbox 360: Microsoft officially announced the recognition of independence by several world powers, describing it as a 'terrible precedent' that could have far-reaching and unpredictable global consequences.
it would discontinue HD DVD player production for the Xbox 360, marking a significant moment in the format war between HD DVD and Blu-ray. 24 Feb Fidel Castro retires as the President of Cuba and the Council of Ministers, though he remains head of the Communist Party
for three more years. 25 Feb Iraqi Parliament Passes Reconciliation Legislation: The Iraqi Parliament approves a landmark legislative package including provincial power laws, a 2008 budget, and an amnesty law, representing a critical step towards national reconciliation in a post-conflict environment. 26 Feb Global Seed Vault Established: The
Global Seed Vault officially opened in Svalbard, Norway, creating a critical repository to preserve global crop diversity and protect against potential genetic losses in other gene banks. 27 Feb Death of William F. Buckley Jr., a prominent American writer, political commentator, and intellectual, passed away at age 82 in
Stamford, Connecticut. He was the host of the influential TV show 'Firing Line' from 1966-1999 and is widely credited with founding the modern conservative movement in U.S. politics. Buckley also founded the influential National Review magazine, which became a cornerstone of conservative intellectual discourse. 28 Feb Kenya Power-Sharing
Agreement: In a landmark political resolution, Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga signed a comprehensive power-sharing deal to end post-election tensions. The agreement established a coalition government with Odinga becoming prime minister, sharing cabinet posts, and committing to constitutional amendments to
formalize the power-sharing arrangement. 29 Feb Deadly Terrorist Attack in Pakistan: A tragic series of terrorist attacks in Pakistan's North West Province resulted in the deaths of three police officers from a bomb explosion, followed by a devastating suicide bombing at the funeral that killed an additional 27 people. 01 Mar Intense Israeli Air Strikes
in Gaza Strip: On March 1st, 2008, the Gaza Strip experienced the most intense Israeli air strikes since 2005, resulting in at least 52 Palestinian territories. 02 Mar Dmitry Medvedev Elected President of Russia:
Dmitry Medvedev was elected President of Russia with 72 percent of the total votes, positioning himself to succeed Vladimir Putin. This election represented a carefully managed transition of power within the Russian political system. 03 Mar UN Sanctions Against Iran: The United Nations Security Council voted to increase economic sanctions against
Iran for its continued nuclear enrichment activities, intensifying international pressure on the country. 04 Mar John McCain Securing enough delegates to become the Republican Party's presidential nominee for the 2008 election. 05 Mar
Bush Endorses McCain for Presidential Race: Preside
and wounding nine others in a tragic act of violence. 07 Mar Federal Reserve Emergency Lending Program: The US Federal Reserve announced a substantial emergency lending program, pledging up to US$200 billion in temporary loans to bond-market dealers and banks to stabilize financial markets during economic uncertainty. 08 Mar Bush Vetoes
Interrogation Techniques Bill: President George W. Bush vetoes legislation that would have prohibited interrogation methods beyond the Army Field Manual, arguing that intelligence officials require comprehensive tools to combat terrorism. 09 Mar Spanish General Election: General elections were held in Spain for 350 members of the Cortes (lower
house of parliament). The Socialist Party, led by José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, won 169 seats, while the Popular Party secured 153 seats. 10 Mar Eliot Spitzer was implicated in a high-profile prostitution service scandal, which would ultimately lead to his resignation. 11
Swedish counterpart Carl Bildt both support Serbia's membership in the European Union. 13 Mar Dmitry Medvedev Elected as Russia's President; Dmitry Medvedev Was elected as Russia's President; Dmitry Medvedev Was elected as Russia's President; Dmitry Medvedev Was elected as Russia's President; Dmitry Medvedev Elected as Russia's President; Dmitry Medvedev Was elected as Russia's President Presi
Emergency Funding: United States investment bank Bear Stearns received emergency financial support from JPMorgan Chase, backed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. This event signaled early signs of the impending 2008 financial crisis and the vulnerability of major financial institutions. 15 Mar China's Leadership Transition: Hu Jintao
was re-elected for a second five-year term as President, signaling a key leadership transition. If Mar Bear Stearns Collapse and JPMorgan Acquisition: In a landmark financial event during the subprime mortgage crisis, JPMorgan Chase
acquires Bear Stearns for a mere $2 per share, totaling $236 million—a dramatic fall from the bank's $200 per share value in mid-2006. The Federal Reserve supports the acquisition by offering a $30 billion loan and announcing direct lending to brokers and investment banks. 17 Mar Lehman Brothers Stock Plummets: The stock market witnessed a
dramatic 20 percent decline in the value of shares for American investment bank Lehman Brothers, signaling deepening financial instability during the emerging global economic crisis. 18 Mar Federal Reserve Cuts Interest Rates: In response to economic challenges, the US Federal Reserve lowered the interest rate by 0.75 percentage points to
2.25%, signaling aggressive monetary policy to stimulate economic activity. 19 Mar Cosmic Burst GRB 080319B Observed: Scientists observed GRB 080319B, an extraordinary cosmic burst that became the most distant object ever visible to the naked human eye. This astronomical event provided unprecedented insights into the early universe. 20 Mar
Nationwide Protests Mark Fifth Anniversary of Iraq War: Across the United States, over 200 people were arrested during demonstrations commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Iraq War. Significant protests occurred in San Francisco, where 140 protesters were jailed, and in Washington, D.C., where 32 people were arrested attempting to block
an IRS entrance. 21 Mar Major Earthquake in Xinjiang, China: A powerful magnitude 7.3 earthquake struck the northwest region of Xinjiang province in China, accompanied by significant aftershocks of 5.1 and 5.2 magnitude within a half-hour period. The seismic event likely caused substantial geological disruption and potential infrastructure
damage. 22 Mar Taiwan Presidential Election: In Taiwan (Republic of China), the presidential election is held. Opposition candidate Ma Ying-jeou of the Kuomintang party wins with nearly 17 percentage points ahead of Frank Hsieh of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party. Two referendums on joining the United Nations fail due to less than 50
percent voter turnout. 23 Mar US Military Deaths in Iraq Reach 4,000: After five years of conflict in Iraq, the United States military death toll reached the somber milestone of 4,000 service members killed, highlighting the human cost of the prolonged military engagement. 24 Mar Bhutan's First Democratic Election: Bhutan holds its historic first
democratic election with an impressive 80 percent voter turnout from 320,000 registered voters. The Druk Phuensum Tshogpa party wins a landslide victory, securing 44 out of 47 parliamentary seats, with Jigme Thinley emerging as a key political leader in this momentous democratic transition. 25 Mar Heavy Fighting in Basra, Iraq: Intense military
engagement erupted in Basra as thousands of Iraqi soldiers battled Shia militants, potentially breaking a seven-month ceasefire with Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army. 26 Mar Battle of Basra Escalates: Intense fighting between Shiite military results in 40 military and 200 militiary and 200 militia casualties, highlighting the ongoing sectarian
tensions in post-invasion Iraq. 27 Mar Oldest Human Voice Recording Replayed: American researchers successfully replay the oldest known human voice recording, originally made by Edouard-Leon Scott de Martinville on April 9, 1861, using a phonautograph. 28 Mar Violent Crackdown in Iraq: Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's military operation
 against the Mahdi Army resulted in over 130 fatalities. The intense confrontation highlighted the ongoing sectarian tensions and political instability in post-Saddam Iraq. 29 Mar Zimbabwe held general elections where the opposition Movement
for Democratic Change (MDC) and a smaller faction successfully challenged President Robert Mugabe's long-standing Zanu-PF party. The election results showed the MDC and its allies winning a combined 109 parliamentary seats, compared to 97 for Zanu-PF. In the presidential race, Morgan Tsvangirai secured 47.9 percent of votes, while Robert
Mugabe received 43.2 percent, signaling a potential shift in the country's political landscape. 30 Mar Battle of Basra Ceasefire: Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr Orders
Mahdi Army to Cease Fighting: Iraqi Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his Mahdi Army to stop fighting six days after Iraqi forces attacked Sadr strongholds in Basra and Baghdad. Sadr demanded the government free imprisoned Mahdi Army members, end house raids, and assist displaced Shiites. 01 Apr UBS Suffers Major Financial Loss and
Leadership Change: UBS, Switzerland's largest bank and the world's biggest wealth manager, announced significant write-downs of US$37 billion on American mortgage-backed securities. The financial impact was severe, resulting in a first-quarter loss of 12 billion Swiss francs. In response to the crisis, Chairman Marcel Ospel announced his
resignation, signaling a major leadership transition. 02 Apr Human-Cow Embryo, 89% human, survives for three consecutive days at Newcastle University. While the Australian Stem Cell Centre sees potential for disease research, the Catholic Church condemns the creation as 'monstrous'. 03 Apr Jules Verne
Spacecraft Docks with ISS: "Jules Verne", the first European Automated Transfer Vehicle (EATV), successfully completes a historic docking with the International Space Station, marking a significant milestone in European space exploration. 04 Apr Texas Authorities Raid FLDS YFZ Ranch: Law enforcement conducted a massive raid on the
Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' YFZ Ranch in Texas, resulting in the removal of 401 children and 133 women into state custody. This operation was part of an investigation into alleged child abuse and polygamous practices within the religious community. 05 Apr Charlton Heston Passes Away: Legendary actor Charlton
Heston, born John Charles Carter, died in Beverly Hills at age 84. Known for iconic roles in 'Moses', 'The Ten Commandments', and 'Ben Hur', he was also a prominent civil rights activist and served as president of the Screen Actors Guild and chairman of the American Film Institute. 06 Apr Rocket Attack on Baghdad's Green Zone: A rocket attack on
Baghdad's Green Zone resulted in the deaths of two United States Army soldiers and injuries to 17 others, underscoring the ongoing dangers faced by military personnel during the tragic deaths of Princess Diana and Dodi al-Fayed determined they
were unlawfully killed due to the grossly negligent driving of their chauffeur and aggressive paparazzi pursuit in a Paris tunnel. The investigation cost 10 million pounds (US$20 million). 08 Apr Korean Astronaut Space Mission: Yi So-Yeon launches aboard Soyuz TMA-12 with two Russian Expedition 17 cosmonauts, heading towards the International
 Space Station in a historic mission for Korean space exploration. 09 Apr Olympic Torch Relay Disruption in San Francisco: The Olympic torch relay disappearing into a warehouse at a waterfront pier, reflecting the heightened tensions surrounding the
2008 Beijing Olympics. 10 Apr European Parliament Considers Beijing Olympics Boycott: The European Parliament voted in favor of a potential boycott of the Beijing Olympics opening ceremonies, highlighting international concerns about human rights in China. 11 Apr Cuba Grants Housing Titles to Renters: Cuban President Raul Castro
implemented a significant housing policy reform by granting thousands of renters official title to their houses. This move represented a notable shift in property ownership rights and marked a potential economic liberalization under Castro's leadership. 12 Apr Historic Cross-Strait Meeting Between Chinese Leaders: In a landmark diplomatic event
Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China, met with Vincent Siew, Vice-President-elect of the Republic of China (Taiwan). This was the highest-level talks between the two sides since 1949, signaling potential diplomatic thawing. 13 Apr World Bank Warns About Global Food Crisis: Robert Zoellick, president of the World Bank, issued an
urgent call for immediate international action to address the escalating global food prices, which had already triggered riots in multiple countries, highlighting a potential humanitarian crisis. 14 Apr World Bank Addresses Global Food Price Crisis: The World Bank announces emergency measures to address the dramatic rise in basic food prices,
which has triggered civil unrest in numerous developing countries, signaling a global economic and humanitarian challenge. 15 Apr Multiple Suicide Bombings over 70 deaths and highlighting the ongoing security challenges in the region. 16
Apr Pope Benedict XVI Arrives in the United States: Pope Benedict XVI made his first official visit to the United States, arriving at Andrews Air Force Base and being welcomed by President George W. Bush, marking a significant diplomatic and religious event. 17 Apr Gaza Conflict Escalation: Intense violence in Gaza results in the deaths of twenty
Palestinians, including at least five youths under sixteen, and three Israeli troops, marking one of the bloodiest days in the region in weeks. 18 Apr Deadly Suicide Bombing at Iraqi Funeral: A tragic suicide bombing occurred at a funeral in Iraq, resulting in at least fifty fatalities. The victims were two Sunni brothers who were members of the
Awakening Council, a Sunni-led group actively opposing al-Qaeda's presence in the region. This attack underscored the ongoing sectarian violence and complex security challenges in Iraq. 19 Apr Iraqi Forces Reclaim Basra from Mahdi Army: Iraqi troops successfully regained control of Basra, forcing the Mahdi Army led by Moktada al-Sadr to retreat
from its last controlled districts. This operation, endorsed by Iran, followed a failed attempt in March, marking a significant moment in Iraq's internal security efforts. 20 Apr Danica Patrick Makes History in IndyCar Series race.
Her groundbreaking victory was a significant milestone for women in motorsports, breaking gender barriers in a traditionally male-dominated sport. 21 Apr Bank of America Suffers Significant milestone for women in motorsports, breaking gender barriers in a traditionally male-dominated sport. 21 Apr Bank of America Suffers Significant milestone for women in motorsports, breaking gender barriers in a traditionally male-dominated sport. 21 Apr Bank of America Suffers Significant milestone for women in motorsports, breaking gender barriers in a traditionally male-dominated sport. 21 Apr Bank of America Suffers Significant milestone for women in motorsports, breaking gender barriers in a traditionally male-dominated sport. 21 Apr Bank of America Suffers Significant milestone for women in motorsports, breaking gender barriers in a traditionally male-dominated sport. 21 Apr Bank of America Suffers Significant milestone for women in motorsports, breaking gender barriers in a traditionally male-dominated sport. 21 Apr Bank of America Suffers Significant milestone for women in motorsports and the suffers of the suffers Significant milestone for women in motorsports.
This marked the third consecutive quarterly loss, primarily due to credit-related write-downs totaling over US$5 billion. 22 Apr Political Violence in Zimbabwe reported widespread human rights abuses, including torture, abduction, and killings, as part of a political campaign against the Movement for Democratic Change. 23
Apr Leadership Transition in Iraq Military Command: A significant Change of Command ceremony took place where General David Petraeus was succeeded by General Ray Odierno as the commanding general in Iraq. This leadership transition represented an important moment in the U.S. military's ongoing operations and strategic management in
the region. 24 Apr Assassination Attempt on Afghan President: Afghan President Hamid Karzai survived an assassination attempt by suspected Taliban militants during a national day parade, highlighting the ongoing Sri Lankan Civil War, a devastating
bus bombing near Colombo killed at least 24 people, further escalating tensions and violence in the conflict-ridden region. 26 Apr Turkish Military Operation in Northern Iraq, escalating regional tensions and cross-border
conflicts. 27 Apr Josef Fritzl Incest and Abuse Case: A horrific case of prolonged sexual abuse and imprisonment was revealed, where Josef Fritzl had imprisonment was revealed by the Josef Fritzl 
instance of familial abuse. 28 Apr Crude Oil Prices Approach Historic High: Crude oil prices briefly surpassed $100 per barrel, approaching the inflation-adjusted record of $102.81 set in April 1980. The White House indicated that the Strate Price
Decline: The S&P/Case Shiller index revealed a significant 12.7% decline in US real estate prices from February 2007, with 17 out of 20 regions experiencing price falls, indicating a severe housing market downturn. 30 Apr Al-Qaeda Resurgence Report: The U.S. Department of State's annual terrorist report revealed that al-Qaeda
had reconstituted some of its pre-9/11 operational capabilities in Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas, highlighting ongoing security challenges in the region. 01 May US Navy ship off Somalia: A US Navy ship off Som
him and at least ten others. Ayro was the military leader of al-Shabab and controlled most of Somalia at the time. 02 May Cyclone Nargis made catastrophic landfall in Burma (Myanmar), resulting in over 138,000 fatalities and leaving millions of people homeless, marking one of the deadliest natural disasters of
the 21st century. 03 May Devastating Tropical Cyclone Nargis Strikes Myanmar: Tropical Cyclone Nargis devastated western Myanmar, causing unprecedented destruction. The cyclone's extreme winds reached 120 mph, generating massive 12-foot tidal waves that killed over 140,000 people. Approximately 2-3 million residents were left homeless,
marking this as the deadliest natural disaster in Myanmar's recorded history. 04 May Cyclone Nargis Devastates Myanmar's State Peace and Development Council declared five states of the Irrawaddy river delta a disaster area after Cyclone Nargis claimed at least 351 lives, causing widespread destruction and humanitarian crisis. 05 May
Cyclone Nargis Devastates Myanmar: Media reports confirmed that Cyclone Nargis had caused catastrophic loss of life, with over 10,000 people killed in Myanmar making it one of the deadliest natural disasters in the country's recent history. 06 May Cyclone Nargis Devastates Myanmar government officially reported 22,000 confirmed
deaths and 41,000 people still missing in the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis, highlighting the catastrophic scale of the disaster. 07 May Putin Steps down as president. Dmitry Medvedev is sworn in as Russian president, and nominates his predecessor Putin
as prime minister, marking a significant transition of power in Russian political leadership. 08 May Cyclone Nargis Devastates Burma: Cyclone Nargis or killed. An international relief operation was immediately launched to provide humanitarian
assistance. 09 May Hezbollah Escalates Beirut Conflict: Hezbollah militants seized control of significant areas in Beirut and shut down a pro-government television station, dramatically escalating tensions in Lebanon. 10 May Unprecedented Fighting in Khartoum During Darfur War: The Justice and Equality Movement engaged in direct conflict with
Sudanese Government Forces in Omdurman and Khartoum, marking the first time fighting reached Sudan's capital during the ongoing Darfur conflict. 11 May Serbian Parliamentary Election: General election in Serbia where the pro-European coalition led by President Boris Tadic wins 39 percent of the vote, while the Radicals secure 29 percent. 12
May Devastating Wenchuan Earthquake in China: A catastrophic 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck Sichuan province in southwestern China, causing massive destruction. The disaster resulted in approximately 90,000 deaths, 300,000 injuries, and left 5 million people homeless, making it one of the deadliest earthquakes of the 21st century. 13 May
2008 Sichuan Earthquake: A devastating earthquake struck Sichuan Province, China, causing massive destruction and loss of life. The earthquake resulted in approximately 12,000 deaths, triggering a massive national rescue and recovery operation. 14 May Devastating Sichuan Earthquake: Xinhua reports the catastrophic 2008 Sichuan earthquake resulted in approximately 12,000 deaths, triggering a massive national rescue and recovery operation.
with a death toll nearing 15,000 and approximately 60,000 people missing. The Chinese military dispatches 2,000 soldiers to address hazardous dam cracks near Dujiangyan City. 15 May Devastating Wenchuan Earthquake: The Wenchuan earthquake, measuring 7.8 in magnitude, struck Sichuan, China, causing massive destruction. Over 87,000
people were killed, 374,643 injured, and between 4.8 million and 11 million people were left homeless. 16 May Cyclone Nargis death toll, reporting 55,000 missing and 19,359 injured, underscoring the massive humanitarian crisis. 17
May Sichuan Earthquake Evacuation: China recommends evacuation earthquake Evacuation and loss of life. The earthquake resulted in 32,477
confirmed deaths, with 14,000 people still missing and 205,000 people evacuated. The catastrophic event prompted the Chinese government to declare three days of national mourning. 19 May 2008 Sichuan Earthquake triggered
numerous rescue efforts and national mourning, including a three-day national mourning period for victims: Burma begins a three-day national mourning period for victims of Cyclone Nargis and, in a significant humanitarian gesture, allows foreign aid workers to enter the country to provide
critical assistance. 21 May Pakistan-Taliban Peace Agreement: The North West Frontier Province in Pakistan signed a controversial peace agreement with Taliban militants. The agreement with Taliban militants. The agreement with Taliban militants. The agreement with Taliban militants.
May 2008 Sichuan Earthquake Devastating Aftermath: The catastrophic 2008 Sichuan earthquake continues to reveal its immense human toll, with 51,151 confirmed deaths and 29,328 people still unaccounted for, representing one of the most significant natural disasters in recent Chinese history. 23 May Union of South American Nations (Unasur)
Established: Leaders from 12 South American nations signed a landmark treaty in Brazil, creating the Union of South American Nations (Unasur). This regional body aims to enhance economic and political integration, bringing together Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela
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struck Sichuan Province, China, causing massive destruction. The Chinese Cabinet reported a staggering death toll of 62,664, with thousands of buildings destroyed and hundreds injured, marking one of the most significant natural disasters of 2008. 26 May IAEA Report on Iran's Nuclear Program: The International Atomic Energy Agency released a
critical report accusing Iran of concealing information about potential nuclear warhead production studies and continuing uranium enrichment despite international concerns. 27 May Nepal Abolishes Monarchy, Becomes Democratic Republic: Nepal's constituent assembly in Kathmandu votes overwhelmingly (597 to 4) to abolish 240 years of royal
rule, transforming the nation into a democratic republic and marking a significant political transition. 28 May Nepal Becomes a Republic: The first meeting of the Constituent Assembly of Nepal formally declares Nepal a republic. The first meeting of the Constituent Assembly of Nepal formally declares Nepal a republic.
transitioning from a monarchy to a federal democratic republic. 29 May Bear Stearns Acquisition by JPMorgan: Bear Stearns shareholders approve the sale of the 85-year-old investment banking company to JPMorgan Chase & Company at $9.32 per share, a dramatic fall from its peak of $173 in January 2007, reflecting the unfolding financial crisis from the sale of the 85-year-old investment banking company to JPMorgan Chase & Company at $9.32 per share, a dramatic fall from its peak of $173 in January 2007, reflecting the unfolding financial crisis from the sale of the 85-year-old investment banking company at $9.32 per share, a dramatic fall from its peak of $173 in January 2007, reflecting the unfolding financial crisis from the sale of the 85-year-old investment banking company at $9.32 per share, a dramatic fall from its peak of $173 in January 2007, reflecting the unfolding financial crisis from the sale of the 85-year-old investment banking company at $9.32 per share, a dramatic fall from its peak of $173 in January 2007, reflecting the unfolding financial crisis from the sale of the 85-year-old investment banking company at $9.32 per share, a dramatic fall from its peak of $173 in January 2007, reflecting the unfolding financial crisis from the sale of the 85-year-old investment banking company at $9.32 per share, and the sale of the $1.32 per share at $1.00 
30 May Cyclone Nargis Aftermath: In the wake of Cyclone Nargis, aid agencies reported significant logistical challenges in delivering relief to Burma (Myanmar). The United Nations noted that approximately 180 relief supply planes remained unloaded in Rangoon. The pro-military newspaper New Light of Myanmar controversially suggested that
cyclone victims could survive by eating fish and frogs from the Irrawaddy River Delta. The Burmese government began expelling cyclone victims from relief camps. 31 May Usain Bolt Sets 100m World Record: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt Sets 100m World Record: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt achieved a groundbreaking world record of 9.72 seconds in the 100-metre sprint at the Reebok Grand Prix, held
at Icahn Stadium in New York. This performance was wind-legal with a +1.7 m/s wind speed, marking a significant milestone in track and field history. 01 Jun Yves Saint Laurent Dies: Legendary French fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent died in Paris at age 71 after a long illness. A revolutionary figure in haute couture, he transformed women's
fashion with iconic designs and pioneering ready-to-wear collections. 02 Jun Ongoing Subprime Mortgage Crisis: The subprime mortgage crisis continued to destabilize the global financial system, causing significant economic disruption and leading to major changes in banking and financial regulations. 03 Jun Obama Secures Democratic Nomination
Barack Obama clinches the Democratic Party presidential nomination by securing over 2,118 delegate votes, marking a historic moment in American political history. 04 Jun Zimbabwean Opposition Leader Detained: Morgan Tsvangirai, leader of Zimbabwean Opposition Leader Detained by police while campaigning for the second
round of presidential elections. He was released after eight hours in custody. 05 Jun 9/11 Suspects Arraigned at Guantanamo Bay: Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four others were arraigned at Guantanamo Bay: Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four others were arraigned at Guantanamo Bay detention camp under the Military Commissions Act of 2006, charged with crimes related to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. 06 Jun
Crude Oil Prices Surge: Global oil markets experienced significant volatility as crude oil prices dramatically increased, reaching a record high of US$138.54 per barrel, reflecting growing economic and geopolitical tensions. 07 Jun UEFA Euro 2008 Begins: The UEFA 
significant sporting event in European football. 08 Jun Akihabara Massacre: In the Akihabara district of Tokyo, Japan, a 25-year-old man conducted a horrific mass killing, stabbing seven people to death and wounding ten others in a shocking act of violence. 09 Jun IBM Roadrunner Supercomputer Reaches Petaflop Processing Speed: IBM achieved a
groundbreaking computing milestone with the Roadrunner supercomputer, capable of performing one thousand trillion calculations per second (1 petaflop). The computer utilized 20,000 4-GHz Cell processors, similar to those in the Sony PlayStation 3. 10 Jun Canadian Prime Minister Apologizes to First Nations: Prime Minister Stephen Harper
 delivered a historic formal apology to Canada's First Nations for the traumatic residential School system, which forcibly separated Indigenous children from their families and cultural heritage. 11 Jun Canadian Residential Schools Apology: Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper delivers a historic, unqualified apology in the House of Commons to
First Nations, Inuit, and Métis leaders for the systemic abuse and forced assimilation of approximately 100,000 indigenous children through state-funded Christian boarding schools between 1870 and 1996. 12 Jun Supreme Court
ruled that foreign terrorist suspects detained at Guantanamo Bay have constitutional rights to challenge their arrest in U.S. courts, a significant decision for civil liberties and international law. 13 Jun Taliban Prison Break in Kandahar, Afghanistan, using armed fighters
and suicide bombers to breach the facility. Over 1,000 inmates, including 390 Taliban members, are freed in this dramatic prison break, significantly impacting regional security. 14 Jun Supreme Court Handgun Ruling: In the landmark case District of Columbia v. Heller, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the District of Columbia's ban on handguns
was unconstitutional, significantly impacting Second Amendment interpretations. 15 Jun King John Signs Magna Carta: On June 15, 1215, King John of England signed the monarch's power, laying groundwork for modern democratic
principles. 16 Jun California Legalizes Same-Sex Marriage: California becomes the second U.S. state to legally recognize same-sex marriages, marking a significant milestone in LGBTQ+ civil rights and marriage equality. 17 Jun Baghdad Market Car Bombing: A devastating car bomb exploded in a market area of Baghdad, Iraq, killing 51 people and
               75. The blast set fire to 20 shops and completely destroyed a multi-story building, causing significant destruction and loss of life. 18 Jun United Kingdom Ratifies Treaty of Lisbon. The United Kingdom Ratifies Treaty of Lisbon.
institutional framework and decision-making processes. 19 Jun Israel-Hamas Truce Declared: At dawn, Hamas and the Israel Government declare a truce on the Israel Government declare a truce of the Israel Government declare a truce of the Israel Government declare a truce of the Israe
exploration of Mars, making significant discoveries about the planet's geological composition and potential for supporting past or present microbial life. 21 Jun Ferry Disaster in Philippines: The MV Princess of the Stars, carrying 700 passengers, sank during Typhoon Fengshen, resulting in multiple fatalities and a significant maritime tragedy. 22 Jun Ferry Disaster in Philippines: The MV Princess of the Stars, carrying 700 passengers, sank during Typhoon Fengshen, resulting in multiple fatalities and a significant maritime tragedy. 22 Jun Ferry Disaster in Philippines: The MV Princess of the Stars, carrying 700 passengers, sank during Typhoon Fengshen, resulting in multiple fatalities and a significant maritime tragedy. 22 Jun Ferry Disaster in Philippines: The MV Princess of the Stars, carrying 700 passengers, sank during Typhoon Fengshen, resulting in multiple fatalities and a significant maritime tragedy.
Typhoon Fengshen Disaster in Philippines: Typhoon Fengshen caused a massive maritime tragedy in the Philippines, resulting in over 800 deaths when a ferry was struck by the storm. Approximately 500 additional fatalities occurred during the typhoon, making it one of the deadliest natural disasters of 2008. 23 Jun Global PC Usage Milestone:
Research firm Gartner estimates that the number of personal computers in use worldwide has surpassed 1 billion, marking a significant technological penetration milestone. 24 Jun Ireland Enters Economic Recession, the first time in 25 years.
However, they predicted economic recovery with positive growth by 2010. 25 Jun North Korea Takes Steps Toward Denuclearization: North Korea from its
list of state sponsors of terrorism and lift certain economic sanctions, marking a significant diplomatic breakthrough. 26 Jun Supreme Court ruled in District of Columbia v. Heller that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to own
firearms, striking down the District of Columbia's handgun ban as unconstitutional. 27 Jun Bill Gates Resigns from Microsoft to focus full-time on the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, marking a significant transition from technology leadership to global philanthropic
work. 28 Jun US Sanctions Against Zimbabwe: President Bush urged the UN to impose an international arms embargo on Zimbabwe and announced US economic sanctions against the Mugabe regime, condemning politically motivated violence and intimidation. 29 Jun Olympic Swimming Trials: World Records Set: At the United States Olympic
Swimming Trials in Omaha, Nebraska, elite swimmers Katie Hoff and Michael Phelps set world records in the 400-meter individual medley, demonstrating exceptional athletic performance and Iraq: U.S. President George W. Bush signed a
$162 billion war spending bill to support military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. 01 Jul U.S. Ends Contractors in Iraq, following the 2007 incident where Blackwater USA employees killed 17 Iraqi civilians, marking a significant shift in military
contractor accountability. 02 Jul Colombian Military Rescues Hostages from FARC: In a remarkable military operation, Colombian soldiers disquised as members of a non-governmental organization successfully tricked FARC rebels into releasing fifteen long-held hostages. The rescued group included French-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt,
who had been held captive for six years, three American defense department contractors, and eleven members of the Colombian security forces. 03 Jul NASA's MESSENGER Discovery of water in Mercury: NASA's MESSENGER planetary
composition and potential habitability. 04 Jul Georgian Forces Shell Tskhinvali: Georgian forces shelled Tskhinvali in South Ossetia, escalating tensions in the region and signaling potential military conflict. 05 Jul Margaret Hoelzer Sets World Record: Margaret Hoelzer set a new world record in the 200-metre backstroke during the United States
Olympic trials held in Omaha, Nebraska, marking a significant achievement in swimming, 06 Jul Nadal Wins Historic Wimbledon, winning his first championship in a thrilling five-set match with scores of 6-4, 6-7 (8-10), 9-7. This match is widely
considered one of the greatest tennis matches in history. 07 Jul Deadly Suicide Bombing at Indian Embassy in Kabul: A devastating car bomb exploded outside the Indian Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, resulting in 41 fatalities and 139 injuries. This attack was the most severe terrorist incident in Afghanistan since the US invasion in 2001, targeting
diplomatic personnel and civilians. 08 Jul US-Czech Missile Defense Agreement: The United States and Czech Republic, marking a significant geopolitical development. 09 Jul Iran Missile Test: Iran conducted a military exercise, testing nine medium- and long-range
missiles, including the Shahab-3 ballistic missile. 10 Jul US-Iran Diplomatic Tensions: US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice issued a stern warning to Iran, emphasizing the United States' commitment to protecting its allies, including Israel, amid escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. 11 Jul IndyMac Bank Failure: The Federal Deposit
Insurance Corp acquired IndyMac Bancorp, marking the second-largest bank failure in U.S. history with US$32 billion. 12 Jul North Korean Nuclear Disarmament Negotiations: International negotiators reached a landmark agreement where North Korea would allow
inspectors to verify its nuclear facilities in exchange for financial and energy assistance, representing a potential breakthrough in nuclear non-proliferation efforts. 13 Jul US Mortgage Crisis Emergency Plan: US Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson announced a comprehensive emergency plan to stabilize the mortgage market, specifically targeting
Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The plan was valued at an unprecedented US$5.2 trillion, signaling the severe economic challenges during the 2008 financial crisis. 14 Jul ICC Prosecutor Charges Sudanese President: International Criminal Court Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo formally accuses Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir of genocide and
crimes against humanity, escalating international legal pressure. 15 Jul General Motors Faces Financial Crisis: General Motors announced significant cost-cutting measures in response to declining car sales, including suspending its dividend, selling assets, and reducing salaried costs by 20%. This move signaled the company's struggles during the
2008 economic downturn. 16 Jul Civilian Casualties in Afghan Airstrike: Afghan officials confirmed the tragic death of 52 civilians in an American airstrike during a wedding, raising serious questions about military engagement protocols and civilian protection in conflict zones. 17 Jul Merrill Lynch Reports Massive Quarterly Loss: American investment
bank Merrill Lynch & Company reported a significant quarterly loss of US$4.89 billion, primarily due to writing down bad loans. The bank also announced strategic plans to sell billions in assets to mitigate financial challenges. 18 Jul The Dark Knight Breaks Box Office Records: Warner Bros. Pictures released The Dark Knight in theaters across the
USA and Canada, achieving unprecedented success. The film set new records with an opening day ticket sales of US$66.4 million, marking a significant milestone in cinema history. 19 Jul Pope Benedict XVI Apologizes for Church Abuse: During World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney, Pope Benedict XVI
delivered a significant apology to victims of sexual abuse by Roman Catholic Church clergy in Australia, addressing a long-standing institutional crisis. 20 Jul NATO Airstrike Kills Afghan civilians and police officers, occurring just two weeks after a previous
controversial airstrike that killed 52 civilians at an Afghan wedding, raising significant concerns about military operations in the region. 21 Jul Zimbabwe Hyperinflation Crisis: Zimbabwe introduces a staggering 100-billion dollar bank note as the country's annual inflation rate reaches an unprecedented 2.2 million percent, symbolizing the severe
economic collapse under Robert Mugabe's regime. 22 Jul Breakthrough in Prostate Cancer Treatment: Preliminary clinical trials revealed abiraterone as a potentially groundbreaking drug in prostate cancer treatment. Scientists hailed the medication as an important advancement in understanding and potentially preventing prostate cancer, offering
hope to patients and medical researchers. 23 Jul Nepal Constituent Assembly, marking a significant moment in the country's democratic transition. The Communist Party of Nepal won 220 out of 601 seats, demonstrating a strong shift in the political landscape. Ram Baran
Yadav of the Nepali Congress party was elected as the President. 24 Jul Radovan Karadžić Arrested: Bosnian Serb political leader Radovan Karadžić was arrested in Serbia and subsequently indicted by the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. He was charged with genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes related to
the 1995 Srebrenica massacre, marking a significant moment in international justice. 25 Jul Google Web Indexing Milestone: Google announced a significant technological achievement by indexing over 1 trillion web pages, demonstrating the exponential growth of internet content and search capabilities. 26 Jul Ahmedabad Serial Bombings: On July
26, 2008, a coordinated terrorist attack struck the western Indian city of Ahmedabad, Guiarat, involving 19 separate bomb explosions that occurred within a single hour. The devastating attacks resulted in 51 confirmed deaths and approximately 200 people wounded, causing widespread panic and destruction across the city, 27 Jul Mass Execution in
Iran: Ninety-nine convicts were executed by hanging at Tehran's Evin Prison, highlighting Iran's controversial approach to criminal justice and human rights. 28 Jul U.S. Drone Strike in Pakistan: A United States Predator drone conducted a missile strike on a Pakistani madrassa, killing six individuals, including al-Qaeda member Abu Khabab al-Masri
The operation highlighted the ongoing counterterrorism efforts in the region. 29 Jul U.S. Congress Apologizes for Slavery and Jim Crow laws that systematically discriminated against African Americans. 30 Jul Bush Signs Housing and Economic Recovery
Act: In response to the subprime mortgage crisis, U.S. President George W. Bush signed The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, aimed at stabilizing the struggling housing market and financial sector. 31 Jul NASA Confirms Water on Mars, a
significant milestone in understanding the potential for past or present extraterrestrial life. 01 Aug South Ossetian Forces Attack Georgian Villages, breaking the 1992 cease-fire agreement and escalating regional tensions. 02 Aug Deadly K2
Mountain Climbing Tragedy: A catastrophic mountaineering incident occurred on K2 in the Himalayas, resulting in the deaths of two international climbers during an icefall. Six additional expedition members also perished, marking one of the deadliest days in modern high-altitude climbing history. 03 Aug Death of Alexander Solzhenitsyn: Alexa
Solzhenitsyn, renowned Russian author, dissident, and Nobel Prize laureate, passed away at the age of 89. Known for his powerful critiques of the Soviet system. 04 Aug Deadly K2 Mountain Climbing Tragedy: A tragic
mountaineering incident occurred on K2 in the Himalayas, where eleven climbers from an international expedition lost their lives after ice fell on a portion of the climbing route, highlighting the extreme dangers of high-altitude mountaineering. 05 Aug Rwanda Accuses French Officials of Genocide Involvement: Rwanda officially accused French
officials, including former Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin and late President François Mitterrand, of involvement in the 1994 Rwanda Genocide. The accusation calls for these officials to be put on trial for their alleged role in the tragic events. 06 Aug First Military War Crimes Trial Post-9/11: Salim Hamdan, the former driver of Osama bin
Laden, was convicted of supporting terrorist acts in the United States. This trial was historically significant as the first military war crimes prosecution of a terror suspect following the September 11, 2001 attacks, marking a pivotal moment in the post-9/11 legal landscape. 07 Aug Georgia's Military Action in South Ossetia: Georgia launches a military war crimes prosecution of a terror suspect following the September 11, 2001 attacks, marking a pivotal moment in the post-9/11 legal landscape.
operation to regain control of South Ossetia, a region that has maintained de facto independence since 1992, escalating tensions in the Caucasus region, marking the start of a significant geopolitical conflict. Russian troops
entered South Ossetia to counter a Georgian offensive against the province, escalating tensions in the Caucasus region. 09 Aug 2008 South Ossetia to counter a Georgian offensive against the province, escalating tensions in the Caucasus region. 09 Aug 2008 South Ossetia to counter a Georgian offensive against the province, escalating tensions in the Caucasus region. 09 Aug 2008 South Ossetia to counter a Georgian offensive against the province, escalating tensions in the Caucasus region. 09 Aug 2008 South Ossetia to counter a Georgian offensive against the province, escalating tensions in the Caucasus region. 09 Aug 2008 South Ossetia to counter a Georgian offensive against the province, escalating tensions in the Caucasus region. 09 Aug 2008 South Ossetia to counter a Georgian offensive against the province, escalating tensions in the Caucasus region. 09 Aug 2008 South Ossetia to counter a Georgian offensive against the province, escalating tensions and the Caucasus region region and the Caucasus region and the Caucasus region region and the Caucasus region reg
the disputed Georgian region, with both sides suffering significant losses. 10 Aug 2008 South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian conflict escalated with Russian forces compelling Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali (the Capital Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali (the Capital Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali (the Capital Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali (the Capital Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali (the Capital Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali (the Capital Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali (the Capital Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali (the Capital Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali (the Capital Ossetian War: The Russo-Georgian troops to withdraw from Tskhinvali (the Capital Oss
the response as 'far disproportionate to any threat'. 11 Aug Cyber Warfare Against Georgia: Russia initiated a cyberwar against Georgia; Russia initiated a 
winning the Olympic gold medal in the 200-metre freestyle swimming event, becoming only the fifth person to win nine career Olympic gold medals. His performance was exceptional, setting a new world record time of 1:42.96. 13 Aug U.S. Prepares Military Aid for Georgia: President 
military aircraft and naval forces to aid Georgia during the ongoing conflict with Russia. 14 Aug 2008 South Ossetia War Developments: Russia declares support for potential referendums in breakaway republics Abkhazia and South Ossetia.
bombardment resulting in significant civilian casualties and infrastructure destruction. 15 Aug Michael Phelps Sets Olympic Swimming Record: At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, American swimmer Michael Phelps achieved a remarkable milestone by winning his sixth gold medal and setting a world record in the 200 metres individual medley.
Simultaneously, teammate Ryan Lochte won gold in the men's 200-metre backstroke with a world-record time of 1:53.94. 16 Aug Historic Olympics, multiple world record time of 9.69 seconds, establishing himself
as the fastest man in the world. American swimmer Michael Phelps equaled Mark Spitz's legendary record by winning seven gold medals in a single Olympic Games, specifically winning the 100m butterfly. Zimbabwe's Kirsty Coventry won the world record in
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the women's 800 freestyle. 17 Aug Michael Phelps Wins 8 Olympic Gold Medals: American swimmer Michael Phelps made history by becoming the first athlete to win eight gold medals in a single Olympic Games, breaking Mark Spitz's 1972 record. His extraordinary performance at the 2008 Beijing Olympics included five individual gold medals and three relay gold medals, showcasing unprecedented swimming excellence. 18 Aug Sweden Cuts Ties with Russian over Georgia, canceling all military and exercise ties. He declared the Russian actions 'unacceptable and a crime under international law',

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signaling a significant diplomatic rift. 19 Aug 2008 South Ossetia War Developments: Ongoing conflict between Russia and Georgia in the South Ossetia region, with significant international diplomatic tensions and military movements. 20 Aug Usain Bolt Wins Olympic 200m Gold and Sets World Record: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt made history at
the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games by winning the 200-meter sprint in a phenomenal world record time of 19.30 seconds, solidifying his status as the fastest man in the world. 21 Aug 2008 Wah Bombing in Pakistan: Two devastating suicide bombings occurred in Wah Cantonment, a military-industrial area, killing at least 76 people and injuring 110. The
attack targeted a sensitive military installation, highlighting the ongoing security challenges in Pakistan. 22 Aug Usain Bolt's Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Beijing Olympic Triumph: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt secured his third gold medal and world record at the Bolt secured his third gold his
War: Ongoing conflict between Russia and Georgia in the South Ossetia region, marking a significant geopolitical tension with potential international implications. 24 Aug 2008 Beijing Olympics Closing Ceremony: The 2008 Summer Olympics Clos
for the upcoming 2012 Games. The games were a massive undertaking, with an official cost of US$2.2 billion for the event and an additional US$40 billion invested in infrastructure and environmental preparation. China achieved a historic milestone by winning 51 gold medals, topping the medal table for the first time. 25 Aug NNSA Eliminates Highly
Enriched Uranium: The National Nuclear Security Administration successfully eliminated 100 metric tons of highly enriched uranium, equivalent to thousands of potential nuclear weapons, representing a major non-proliferation achievement. 26 Aug Russia Recognizes Georgian Separatist Republics: Russia unilaterally recognizes the independence of
Abkhazia and South Ossetia, a controversial move that escalated tensions with Georgia and the international community. 27 Aug Barack Obama is officially nominated as Democratic Party's presidential candidate at the Democratic Party's presidential Candidate at the Democratic Party's presidential candidate at the Democratic Party's presidential Candidate.
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a groundbreaking moment for U.S. political history. 29 Aug McCain Announces Sarah Palin as Running Mate: Senator John McCain selected Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his vice presidential election. 30 Aug 2008 South
 Ossetia War: The 2008 South Ossetia War was a significant geopolitical conflict between Russia and Georgia, with Russia announcing South Ossetia's integration into the 'One United Russian State', marking a pivotal moment in regional tensions. 31 Aug New Orleans Mandatory Evacuation: Mayor Ray Nagin issued a mandatory evacuation order for
New Orleans in anticipation of Hurricane Gustav, demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav made landfall in Louisiana as a Category 2 hurricane Gustav demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav made landfall in Louisiana as a Category 2 hurricane Gustav demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav demonstrating proactive disaster management following the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav demonstration demonstrati
unprecedented evacuation of 1.9 million people, which was the largest evacuation in the state's history. 02 Sep Google Launches Chrome Web Browser; Google Launches Chrome Web Browser; Google Chrome, marking a significant moment in internet browsing technology and challenging established browsers like Internet Explorer and Firefox.
03 Sep John McCain Endorsed for 2008 Presidential Election: The Republican Party officially endorsed Senator John McCain from Arizona as their candidate for the 2008 United States Presidential Election. 04 Sep McCain Accepts Republican Party for
the 2008 United States Presidential Election, marking a significant moment in the presidential campaign. 05 Sep McCain-Palin Republican Presidential running mate for the
2008 United States presidential election. 06 Sep Zardari Elected President of Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan: Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated former Prime Minister Bhutto, was elected as Pakistan Bhutto, was elected as
Government Intervenes in Mortgage Crisis: The United States government takes control of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two largest mortgage financing companies, in a critical move to stabilize the financial system during the disputed
territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, marking a significant geopolitical tension in the Caucasus region. 09 Sep Stock Market Crash Following Financial Institutions' Collapse: The Dow Jones Industrial Average experienced its largest single-day point loss of 777.68 points, triggered by the bankruptcies of Lehman Brothers and Washington Mutual,
signaling a critical moment in the 2008 financial crisis. 10 Sep Large Hadron Collider First Proton Acceleration: The Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Geneva successfully began accelerating protons, marking a groundbreaking moment in particle physics with the ability to measure events within an incredibly minute timeframe of a millionth of a
billionth of a billionth of a second. 11 Sep Pentagon Memorial Dedicated to 9/11 Victims: The Pentagon Memorial in Washington, DC was opened to the public, commemorating the 184 victims who lost their lives during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. 12 Sep Lehman Brothers filed for Chapter
11 bankruptcy protection, a pivotal moment that triggered the Global Financial Crisis. This event marked the beginning of a severe economic downturn with worldwide repercussions. 13 Sep Hurricane Ike Devastates Texas Gulf Coast on September 13, 2008, as a powerful Category
2 hurricane. The storm caused extensive damage to Galveston Island, Houston, and surrounding coastal areas, leading to widespread destruction of infrastructure, property, and disrupting the height of the 2008 financial crisis, American International Group (AIG)
requested a substantial $40 billion emergency loan from the United States Federal Reserve, signaling the severe financial distress facing major financial institutions at the time. 15 Sep Lehman Brothers, a 158-year-old American investment bank, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection,
marking the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history. With assets of approximately US$639 billion and only US$30 billion in equity, the collapse signaled the deepening of the subprime mortgage crisis and sparked a global financial meltdown. 16 Sep US Government Bails Out AIG: The U.S. Federal Reserve Board announced an unprecedented $85 billion
loan to American International Group (AIG), simultaneously acquiring a 79.9% equity stake in the company. This emergency intervention was a critical moment in the 2008 financial crisis. 17 Sep Dow Jones Experiences Significant Drop: The Dow Jones Experiences Significant Drop (AIG), simultaneously acquiring a 79.9% equity stake in the company.
International Group failed to reassure nervous investors, reflecting the deepening financial crisis. 18 Sep SEC Implements Emergency Short Selling financial sector stocks, a dramatic intervention aimed at stabilizing financial markets during the ongoing
 economic crisis. 19 Sep Financial Market Emergency Measures: In response to the 2008 financial crisis, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the United Kingdom Financial company stocks, aiming to stabilize volatile markets. 20 Sep
 Bush Administration's Mortgage Crisis Intervention: President George W. Bush requested Congressional approval for a $700 billion financial meltdown. 21 Sep Chinese Milk Contamination Scandal: A major public health crisis erupted in China when nearly
13,000 children were hospitalized after consuming milk from the Sanlu Group, which was contaminated with the industrial chemical melamine. Four children tragically died, exposing serious food safety failures. 22 Sep Islamabad Marriott Hotel Bombing: A devastating terrorist attack at the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad, Pakistan, killed at least 53
people and wounded over 250. A truck carrying 1,300 pounds of explosives rammed into the hotel, killing several foreigners including the Czech ambassador. The attack was seen as a warning from Islamist militants against the Pakistani government's cooperation with the United States. 23 Sep Financial Crisis Bailout Negotiations: Intense
negotiations continued on Capitol Hill regarding the Bush administration's proposed $700 billion financial industry bailout. Wall Street experienced extreme volatility, with the stock market dropping nearly 400 points, oil prices surging, and the dollar experienced extreme volatility, with the stock market dropping nearly 400 points, oil prices surging, and the dollar experienced extreme volatility, with the stock market dropping nearly 400 points, oil prices surging, and the dollar experienced extreme volatility, with the stock market dropping nearly 400 points, oil prices surging, and the dollar experienced extreme volatility, with the stock market dropping nearly 400 points, oil prices surging, and the dollar experienced extreme volatility, with the stock market dropping nearly 400 points, oil prices surging, and the dollar experienced extreme volatility, with the stock market dropping nearly 400 points, oil prices surging, and the dollar experienced extreme volatility, with the stock market dropping nearly 400 points, oil prices surging and the dollar experienced extreme volatility, with the stock market dropping nearly 400 points, oil prices surging and the dollar experienced extreme volatility, with the stock market dropping nearly 400 points, oil prices surging and the dollar experienced extreme volatility.
 subprime mortgage crisis continued to intensify, causing widespread economic uncertainty and potential systemic risk in the global financial system. 25 Sep Washington Mutual Bank Failure: U.S. regulators seized Washington Mutual, the largest bank failure in American history, and sold it to JPMorgan Chase & Company for US$1.9 billion. The bank
had $307 billion in assets and $188 million in deposits, representing a critical moment in the 2008 financial crisis. 26 Sep Washington Mutual Bank Seizure: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) seizes Washington Mutual Bank Seizure:
mortgage crisis. 27 Sep Death of Paul Newman, Legendary Hollywood Actor: Iconic American actor and director Paul Newman passed away from cancer in Connecticut at the age of 83. Known for his remarkable performances in classic films such as 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof', 'The Hustler', 'Cool Hand Luke', 'Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid', 'The
Sting', and 'The Color of Money', Newman was a Hollywood legend renowned for his acting prowess and philanthropic efforts. 28 Sep US Financial Crisis Response: US Congress and the George W. Bush Administration reached an agreement on the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, a critical bailout package designed to rescue financial
institutions during the subprime mortgage crisis. 29 Sep US House Rejects Bailout Plan: The United States House of Representatives' initial rejection of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act triggers a significant stock market crash during the early stages of the Great Recession. 30 Sep Irish Banking Deposit Guarantee: The Irish government
announced a comprehensive state guarantee covering deposits in major Irish banks, including Allied Irish Banks, including Alli
approved HR1424, a revised version of the financial system bailout plan, in response to the ongoing subprime mortgage crisis. This legislation was crucial in stabilizing the American financial system bailout plan; in response to the ongoing subprime mortgage crisis. This legislation was crucial in stabilizing the American financial system bailout plan, in response to the ongoing subprime mortgage crisis. This legislation was crucial in stabilizing the American financial system bailout plan, in response to the ongoing subprime mortgage crisis.
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economic instability and investor panic in the United States financial markets. 05 Oct Germany Rescues Hypo Real Estate Bank: The German government agreed to a comprehensive 50 billion euro (approximately US$70 billion) financial rescue plan to save Hypo Real Estate, one of the country's largest and most critically endangered private banks
during the global financial crisis. 06 Oct Collapse of Iceland's Banking System: Iceland's banking system experienced a complete collapse, marking a critical moment in the 2008 global financial crisis. 07 Oct US Federal Reserve announced plans to purchase billions of dollars worth of
 short-term commercial papers to restore liquidity in the money market, a critical intervention during the 2008 financial crisis. 08 Oct British Bank Bailout Plan: The British Treasury announces a comprehensive financial rescue package for British Bank Bailout Plan: The British Treasury announces a comprehensive financial rescue package for British Bank Bailout Plan: The British Treasury announces a comprehensive financial rescue package for British Bank Bailout Plan: The British Bank Bailout
less liquid assets, and a £250 billion quarantee for new bank funding. 09 Oct Unprecedented U.S. Stock Market Panic: During the most active day in New York Stock Exchange history, investors sold off stocks in a panic, with the Dow closing below 9,000 for the first time in five years. 10 Oct Devastating Orakzai Bombing in Afghanistan: Taliban
militants drove an explosive-laden truck into a tribal meeting of 600 people discussing strategies to expel the Taliban from their region. The suicide bombing resulted in 110 deaths and highlighted the ongoing conflict and violence in the region. The suicide bombing resulted in 110 deaths and highlighted the ongoing conflict and violence in the region.
about potential global economic collapse and offered to provide emergency loans to countries facing severe financial crisis. 12 Oct Australian Bank Deposit Guarantee: Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announces a comprehensive three-year government guarantee of all bank deposits in Australia, a critical
 financial stabilization measure in response to the global subprime mortgage crisis. 13 Oct Iceland's Financial Crisis Deepens: Iceland shut down its stock market, abandoned attempts to defend its currency, and requested emergency financial crisis. 14 Oct Iceland's Financial Crisis Deepens: Iceland shut down its stock market, abandoned attempts to defend its currency, and requested emergency financial crisis.
 US Treasury Equity Investment Plan: U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson announces a comprehensive plan to stabilize the financial crisis. 15 Oct US Government Bank Intervention: The Bush administration announced a
 $250 billion investment in nine major US banks, including Citigroup, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Goldman Sachs, and JPMorgan Chase, as part of a financial stabilization strategy. 16 Oct Citigroup Massive Financial Losses: Citigroup, America's second-largest bank, reported its fourth consecutive quarterly loss of $13 billion, primarily due to
 substantial credit losses and financial write-downs. Over five consecutive quarters, the bank accumulated staggering losses totaling US$71 billion. 17 Oct German Parliament Approves Bank Bailout: The German Parliament Approves a massive bank bailout of 500 billion euros ($673.8 billion) in response to the global financial crisis. 18 Oct Nobel Prize
in Physiology or Medicine Awarded: The 2008 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was jointly awarded to Harald zur Hausen for identifying the human papillomavirus (HPV) as a cause of cervical cancer, and to Françoise Barack Obama:
Colin Powell, a retired General and former Secretary of State, publicly endorsed Barack Obama for President of the United States, providing a significant military operation during the Sri Lankan Civil War, the Sri Lankan military
reported breaking a critical defensive line near the Tamil Tiger headquarters in Northern Sri Lanka, marking a potential turning point in the long-running conflict. 21 Oct Magellan Discovers Strait to Pacific Ocean: Explorer Ferdinand Magellan Discovers Strait Topic Ocean: Explorer F
South America and Tierra del Fuego, marking a crucial moment in maritime exploration and global financial crisis prompted the IMF, European Union, and World Bank to provide Hungary with an international economic bailout package of $25 billion, causing a surge in
the country's stock and currency markets. 23 Oct New York City Council Extends Bloomberg to run for a third consecutive four-year term. This controversial decision effectively changed the city's previous two-term mayoral restriction,
enabling Bloomberg to seek re-election in the November 2009 mayoral election. 24 Oct Global Stock Market Crash - Bloody Friday: On October 24, 2008, global financial markets experienced a catastrophic day dubbed 'Bloody Friday: On October 24, 2008, global financial markets experienced a catastrophic day dubbed 'Bloody Friday', with stock exchanges worldwide suffering unprecedented declines of approximately 10% across most market indices
reflecting the depth of the ongoing global financial crisis. 25 Oct Nobel Prize in Medicine: HIV and HPV Discoveries: Three European researchers were awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine for groundbreaking work linking viruses to AIDS and cervical cancer, significantly advancing our understanding of viral-induced diseases. 26 Oct US Cross-Borden
Military Operation in Syria: United States Special Operations Forces conducted a controversial cross-border raid from Iraq into Syria, resulting in the reported death of eight civilians according to Syrian government sources. 27 Oct Global Stock Market Crash: The Toronto stock market's S&P/TSX composite index experiences a significant downturn,
falling 756.75 points (8.14%) to close at 8,537.34, marking its fourth-largest one-day loss. Concurrent global market declines are observed, with Japan's Nikkei index dropping 6.4% to a 26-year low and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index plummeting 12.7%. 28 Oct Significant Stock Market Recovery: The U.S. stock market experienced a remarkable
recovery, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average gaining 889.35 points (10.88%), rising to 9,065.12. Similarly, the S&P 500 increased by 91.59 points (10.79%) to 940.51, and the Nasdaq Composite rose 143.57 points (9.53%) to 1,649.47, indicating a strong market rebound during the financial crisis. 29 Oct US Treasury Allocates Bank Bailout Funds
The US Treasury Department disbursed US$125 billion from its $700 
 September), marking the largest economic decline in seven years. Consumer spending during this period was at its lowest point in 28 years, signaling early signs of the impending global financial crisis. 31 Oct Bitcoin Whitepaper Published. This document laid
the foundational principles for the cryptocurrency that would revolutionize digital finance. 01 Nov India's chandrayaan-1, successfully transmitted two images of Earth while en route to the Moon, marking a significant milestone in India's space exploration capabilities and
scientific achievement. 02 Nov Lewis Hamilton Wins First Formula One World Championship the clinched the championship by just one point ahead of Felipe Massa, making a crucial pass on Timo Glock's Toyota on the final
lap of the race. 03 Nov U.S. Airstrike in Afghanistan: A controversial U.S. airstrike in Kandahar, Afghanistan, reportedly killed 40 civilians and wounded nearly 30, primarily at a wedding celebration, highlighting the complex and tragic nature of military operations in the region. 04 Nov Barack Obama Elected as 44th US President: Democratic Senator
 Barack Obama of Illinois was elected as the 44th President of the United States, defeating Republican Senator John McCain of Arizona. This historic election marked a significant milestone in American political history as Obama became the first African American president. 05 Nov Russia's Missile Defense Response: President Medvedev announces
 plans to deploy short-range conventional warhead missiles in Kaliningrad as a strategic response to U.S. missile defense systems in Poland and the Czech Republic, while expressing hope for improved Russia-U.S. relations under President Obama. 06 Nov Bank of England Cuts Interest Rate: The Bank of England dramatically reduces its interest rate
 from 4.5 percent to 3 percent, marking the lowest rate since 1955 in response to economic challenges. 07 Nov US Unemployment rate in 14 years, reflecting the severe economic challenges during the global financial crisis of 2008. 08 Nov Barack Obama Elected First African-American
U.S. President: In a historic moment, Barack Obama was elected as the 44th President of the United States, defeating Republican candidate John McCain. His victory marked a significant milestone in American civil rights history, breaking a long-standing racial barrier in presidential politics. 09 Nov China's Massive Economic Stimulus Package: In
response to the global financial crisis, China announced an unprecedented economic stimulus package of 4 trillion yuan (approximately US$586 billion) aimed at investing in infrastructure and social welfare programs by the end of 2010. This massive intervention was designed to maintain economic growth and protect against potential recession. 10
Nov AIG Receives Massive Government Bailout: The United States government announces a second bailout for American International Group (AIG), totaling approximately US$150 billion. This unprecedented financial support represents the largest government intervention for a private firm in US history, reflecting the severity of the 2008 financial
crisis. 11 Nov Nazi War Crimes Prosecution: Demjanjuk Case: Germany announced new charges against John Demjanjuk for his alleged role in the deaths of 29,000 Polish Jews at the Sobibor concentration camp during the Holocaust, continuing the pursuit of justice for Nazi war crimes decades after World War II. 12 Nov US Treasury TARP Strategy
Shift: The US Treasury announced a strategic change in the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), deciding to directly inject cash into select banks instead of purchasing mortgage-backed securities, marking a significant intervention in the financial crisis. 13 Nov First Direct Imaging of Extrasolar Planets: Astronomers have visually confirmed three
planets orbiting HR 8799 and one planet orbiting Fomalhaut using telescopes. This groundbreaking achievement marks the first time extrasolar worlds have been directly imaged, representing a significant milestone in astronomical observation and exoplanet research. 14 Nov First G-20 Economic Summit in Washington, D.C.: The first G-20 economic
 summit opened in Washington, D.C., bringing together leaders from 20 major economic Summit Addresses Global Financial Crisis: World leaders convened in Washington, D.C. for the inaugural G20 economic summit,
representing nations that collectively account for 90 percent of global GDP to discuss coordinated responses to the unfolding economic crisis. 16 Nov Iraq-US Security Agreement Milestone: After nearly a year of intense negotiations, the Iraqi cabinet passed a landmark status of forces agreement governing the U.S. military presence in Iraq through
2011. The agreement mandates the withdrawal of all U.S. combat troops by December 31, 2011, and removal from Iraqi cities by summer 2009. Notably, the pact also grants Iraqi officials increased legal jurisdiction over off-base American personnel misconduct, pending final parliamentary approval. 17 Nov US-Iraq Security Pact Approved: The Iraqi
 cabinet approves a security agreement allowing approximately 150,000 US troops to remain in Iraq for an additional three years, marking a significant milestone in US-Iraq military relations. 18 Nov US Auto Industry Seeks Financial Rescue: Executives from General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler appear before the Senate Banking Committee to request
urgent financial assistance during the 2008 economic crisis. 19 Nov Stock Market Decline During Financial Crisis: The Dow Jones Industrial Average falls below 8,000, reflecting the severe economic downturn and financial instability during the 2008 global financial crisis. 20 Nov Dow Jones Reaches Historic Low: The Dow Jones Industrial Average
plunged to its lowest level since 1997, reflecting the critical failures in the U.S. financial crisis affecting Russia and global financial crisis affecting Russia and global financial crisis Impact on Russia: A comprehensive overview of the financial crisis affecting Russia and global financial crisis.
Nov Obama's Economic Recovery Plan: President-elect Barack Obama outlines his Economic Recovery Plan: President financial intervention, the United States government saved Citigroup Inc. from potential collapse. The bank agreed to
 absorb approximately $250 billion in losses and received a $20 billion capital investment to stabilize its financial position. 24 Nov Obama Announces Economic Recovery Team: President-elect Barack Obama unveiled his key economic team to address the ongoing financial crisis, including Timothy F. Geithner as Treasury Secretary, Lawrence
 National Security Advisor. 26 Nov 2008 Mumbai Terror Attacks: A coordinated terrorist assault on Mumbai, India's financial capital, where ten heavily-armed gunmen launched synchronized attacks across five locations. The attacks targeted multiple sites including luxury hotels, a railway station, and cafés, resulting in 174 deaths and 295 injuries
The Deccan Mujahedeen claimed responsibility, though investigations later linked the attacks to Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistan-based terrorist organization. 27 Nov Thai Protesters Shut Down Bangkok Airports; The People's Alliance for Democracy protesters successfully closed both Don Mueang and Suvarnabhumi International Airports, effectively
 paralyzing Bangkok's air transportation infrastructure. International transfers were redirected to U-Tapao International Airport, causing significant logistical disruptions. 28 Nov Mumbai Terror Attacks: During the 2008 Mumbai Terror Attacks, Indian security forces engage with gunmen who have taken hostages at a Jewish center, marking a critical
 moment in the terrorist assault on the city. 29 Nov Mumbai Terror Attacks: A coordinated terrorist attack in Mumbai, India, resulted in 160 confirmed deaths and 327 people reported missing. The attacks targeted multiple locations, including the Taj Mahal Palace & Tower, and were carried out by militants who were ultimately neutralized by Indian
 security forces. 30 Nov Barack Obama Elected as First African-American US President: Barack Obama makes history by becoming the first African-American President of the United States, defeating Republican candidate John McCain in a landmark election that symbolizes significant progress in racial equality and political representation. 01 Dec US
Officially Declared in Economic Recession: The National Bureau of Economic Research officially announced that the United States had been in an economic downturn. 02 Dec Obama Names Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State: President-elect Barack Obama announced Hillary Clinton
as his nominee for Secretary of State and requested Robert Gates to continue as U.S. Defense Secretary, signaling a bipartisan approach to foreign policy. 03 Dec Queen's Speech to Parliament: Queen Elizabeth II delivered her traditional Speech from the Throne to the House of Commons, outlining the Labour government's legislative agenda for the
2008/09 parliamentary session, a key constitutional ritual in the United Kingdom. 04 Dec Iraq-US Security Agreement Approved: The Iraq Presidency Council approves a landmark security agreement with the United States, mandating U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraqi cities by mid-2009 and complete withdrawal by the end of 2011, marking a
 significant milestone in Iraq's sovereignty. 05 Dec Record US Job Losses: The U.S. Department of Labor reported a staggering 533,000 nonfarm job losses in November, the largest monthly decline since 1974, underscoring the severity of the global financial crisis. 06 Dec Obama Nominates Eric Shinseki as Veterans Affairs Secretary: President-elect
 Barack Obama selected General Eric Shinseki to serve as the next Secretary of Veterans Affairs, marking a significant appointment that would bring military leadership experience to the role of supporting U.S. veterans. 07 Dec Athens Riots Following Police Shooting: Widespread civil unrest erupted in central Athens after a Greek police officer fatally
 shot a teenager, sparking significant public protests and demonstrations against police violence. 08 Dec 9/11 Mastermind Announces Guilty Plea: Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the primary architect of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, along with four co-defendants, announces his intention to plead guilty during a military commission hearing at
Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. This development represents a significant moment in the post-9/11 legal proceedings. 09 Dec Rod Blagojevich was arrested by federal Corruption Charges; including attempting to sell the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by
 President-elect Barack Obama. 10 Dec Global Food Insecurity Crisis: The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization reported that 963 million people worldwide were experiencing prolonged food insecurity, underscoring a critical global humanitarian challenge. 11 Dec Large Hadron Collider Begins Operations: The Large Hadron Collider at
CERN commenced its groundbreaking operations, marking a significant milestone in particle physics research and potentially revolutionizing our understanding of fundamental scientific principles. 12 Dec Bernard Madoff, former chairman of the Nasdaq Stock Exchange, was charged with orchestrating one of
the most significant financial frauds in history—a Ponzi scheme estimated at $50 billion, which would have far-reaching consequences for investors and financial markets. 13 Dec East Asian Leaders Discuss Financial Crisis: Leaders from China and South Korea convened on the Japanese island of Kyushu to discuss collaborative strategies in response
to the global financial crisis of 2008. 14 Dec Bush Shoe Incident in Baghdad: During a news conference in Baghdad, Iraqi journalist Muntadhar Al-Zaidi dramatically threw two shoes at President George W. Bush in a highly publicized protest, symbolizing deep anti-American sentiment in Iraq during Bush's final visit. 15 Dec Siemens Corporate Bribery
 Scandal: Siemens, a major European engineering firm, pleaded guilty to extensive bribery and corruption charges. The company agreed to pay substantial fines totaling approximately US$1.34 billion across the United States and Germany, representing one of the largest corporate corruption settlements of its time. 16 Dec US Federal Reserve Cuts
 Interest Rate to Historic Low: The U.S. Federal Reserve dramatically reduced the country's Federal Funds Interest Rate to a range of zero to 0.25 percent, marking the lowest interest rate ever recorded in United States history. This unprecedented move was part of the response to the global financial crisis of 2008. 17 Dec UN Authorizes Military
 Action Against Somali Pirates: The United Nations approved a landmark resolution authorizing foreign governments to conduct military operations on land and sea to combat Somali piracy, marking a significant international response to maritime security threats. 18 Dec UN Court Sentences Rwandan Genocide Mastermind: The United Nations
 International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda sentenced former army colonel Theoneste Bagosora to life in prison for his role in the 1994 Rwandan genocide, which resulted in the slaughter of approximately 800,000 people. 19 Dec Obama Administration Nominations: Ray LaHood
(Transportation), Hilda Solis (Labor), Karen Mills (Small Business Administration), and Ronald Kirk (Trade Representative). 20 Dec Major Internet Cable Disruption: A significant telecommunications infrastructure incident occurred when three sub-sea communications cables were broken, causing substantial disruptions to Internet transmissions
across Asia and the Middle East. This event highlighted the vulnerability of global communication networks. 21 Dec Mumbai Hotels in Mumbai reopened less than a month after the devastating November terrorist attacks, symbolizing resilience and recovery
22 Dec Tennessee Valley Authority Coal Ash Spill: A catastrophic environmental disaster occurred when an ash dike ruptured at a Tennessee Valley Authority coal-fired power plant in Roane County, Tennessee. The incident released 4.2 million cubic meters (1.1 billion US gallons) of coal fly ash slurry, marking the largest industrial spill in U.S.
 history. The toxic waste contaminated the surrounding land and adjacent Emory and Clinch rivers. 23 Dec India-Pakistan Tensions Post-Mumbai Attacks: Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh publicly denies reports of potential military escalation with Pakistan in the aftermath of the November 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks, attempting to de-
 escalate regional tensions. 24 Dec Lord's Resistance Army Massacre in Congo: The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a notorious Ugandan rebel group, launched a brutal series of attacks against civilians in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, resulting in the horrific massacre of more than 400 people. This event highlighted the ongoing humanitarian
crisis in the region. 25 Dec Escalating Tensions in Gaza: Following a Palestinian militant attack, Israel moves closer to a potential invasion of the Gaza Strip, highlighting ongoing regional conflicts. 26 Dec Pakistan Increases Troop Presence Near Indian Border: Pakistan strategically deployed between 5,000 and 20,000 troops along its border with
India, heightening regional military tensions and reflecting the complex geopolitical dynamics between the two nations. 27 Dec Operation Cast Lead Begins: Israel launched a massive military offensive against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, codenamed Operation Cast Lead. The initial assault involved an airstrike hitting 100 targets in just 220
 seconds, resulting in approximately 250 fatalities. 28 Dec UN Security Council Divided on Gaza Conflict: The United States vetoes a United Nations Security Council resolution that would have stopped Israeli airstrikes on Gaza. International leaders, including UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the UK, EU, Russia, and France, call for an immediate
ceasefire. 29 Dec Bangladesh General Election 2008: After two years of significant political instability and tension, marking a critical moment in the country's democratic process. The election aimed to restore political order and provide a peaceful transition of power following a period of unrest
30 Dec Controversial Senate Seat Appointment: Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich appointment, creating a significant political controversy the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously held by President-elect Barack Obama. However, the Democratic Senate seat previously 
31 Dec Israel Rejects Ceasefire in Gaza: Israel declined a proposed stoppage of Operation Cast Lead, rejecting a potential halt that would have also stopped Hamas rocket attacks and allowed humanitarian aid into affected Gaza Strip areas. This list is incomplete; you can help by adding missing items. (July 2014) This article needs additional citations for the complete of the comp
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 Senator Barack Obama wins the Iowa Democratic caucus. Joe Biden drops out of the running for the 2008 U.S. presidential election. January 5 - A levee bursts in Fernley, Nevada, flooding a large portion of the town and forcing the evacuations of 3,500 residents. January 7-11 - A tornado outbreak passes through eastern North America, producing at
 least 75 tornadoes across the mid-eastern United States and record-breaking temperatures in eastern Canada. Four fatalities are reported. January 7 - NBC announces the winners in a 1-hour news conference. Mickey Rourke
and Tina Fey, among others, are winners. January 9 - President George W. Bush begins a tour of the Middle East with a stop in Israel. Other destinations include Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, the Palestinian Authority, and Egypt. January 10 - Bill Richardson drops out of the U.S. presidential election due to shortage of
money. January 15 - The Food and Drug Administration declares that food from cloned cattle, swine, goats, and their progeny is safe to eat.[2] January 18 - President George W. Bush announces an economic stimulus package, proposing $800 per individual and $1600 per couple in tax refunds. January 21 - Stock markets around the world plunge amid
growing fears of a U.S. recession, fueled by the 2007 subprime mortgage crisis.[3] January 22 - Actor Heath Ledger, 28, is found dead at his home in New York City. He would later be awarded a posthumous Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his work in The Dark Knight, released in July 2008. January 25 - In Las Vegas, the Monte Carlo
 Resort and Casino catches fire. January 27 - The 2008 NHL All-Star Game occurs in Atlanta. January 28 - President George W. Bush delivers his final State of the Union address.[4] January 20 - U.S. presidential candidates Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards drop out of the race. In January 27 - The 2008 NHL All-Star Game occurs in Atlanta. January 28 - Presidential candidates Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards drop out of the race. In January 20 - U.S. presidential candidates Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards drop out of the race. In January 20 - U.S. presidential candidates Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards drop out of the Union address.[4] January 20 - U.S. presidential candidates Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards drop out of the union address.[4] January 20 - U.S. presidential candidates Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards drop out of the union address.[5] February 50 - U.S. presidential candidates Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards drop out of the union address.[6] February 50 - U.S. presidential candidates Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards drop out of the union address.[6] February 50 - U.S. presidential candidates Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards drop out of the union address.[7] February 50 - U.S. presidential candidates Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards drop out of the union address.[8] February 50 - U.S. presidential candidates Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards drop out of the union address. The union address are union address. The union address are union address and union address are union address. The union address are union address are union address are union address. The union address are union 
- February 6: Super Tuesday tornado outbreak February 1 - The Food and Drug Administration issues a Public Health Advisory on Chantix, an anti-smoking medication, due to a possible "association between Chantix and serious neuropsychiatric symptoms."[6] February 2 The military accidentally kills nine civilians in a raid in Iraq.[7] An unidentified
 gunman enters a Tinley Park, Illinois Lane Bryant, taking 6 women hostage and later shooting them all, killing 5 of the 6 women. The shooting currently remains unsolved.[8] February 3 - The New York Giants defeat the heavily favored New England Patriots 17-14 in Super Bowl XLII, played at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.
 [9] February 4 - The Mr. Men Show debuts on Cartoon Network and Boomerang. Based on the British book series of Mr. Men Little Miss. February 5-6 - Super Tuesday tornado outbreak; A tornado outbreak, the deadliest in 23 years, kills 58 in the Southern United States. [10] February 5 - U.S. stock market indices plunge more than 3% after a Non-
 Manufacturing ISM Report on Business shows signs of economic recession in the service sector. The S&P 500 fall 3.2%, The Dow Jones Industrial Average 370 points.[11] February 7 STS-122: Space Shuttle Atlantis launches to deliver the European-built Columbus science laboratory to the International Space Station.[12] The Senate passes a $170 points.
billion economic stimulus package by a margin of 81-16. Charles Lee "Cookie" Thornton kills five and wounds two people at city hall before being shot and killed by police in Kirkwood, Missouri.[13] Mitt Romney suspends his campaign of the Republican Party nomination for the U.S. presidency.[14] February 10 The 50th Annual Grammy Awards take
place at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California. Americans Herbie Hancock and Kanye West, among others, are winners. Maine holds its Democratic caucuses in the U.S. presidential election. Barack Obama wins 15 out of the possible 24 delegates. February 11 A marine is arrested on suspicion of raping a fourteen-year-old Japanese girl in
 Okinawa, Japan. Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda calls this "grave case...unforgivable".[15] Ambassador Tom Schieffer later offers a personal apology.[16] A former Boeing engineer and Defense Department analyst are arrested and charged with espionage for allegedly passing information to the Chinese government.[17] February 12 The 2007
2008 Writers Guild of America strike ends effectively at 6:51 pm PST (02:51 UTC, February 13) as members vote to stop picket lines in response to a tentative deal reached by the WGA and the AMPTP three days earlier.[18] Lawrence "Larry" King, a 15-year-old 8th grade student at E.O. Green Junior High School, is shot to death by 14-year-old
 student Brandon McInerney, for being gay. February 14 - Steven Kazmierczak opens fire, killing five and wounding 18 before fatally shooting himself at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.[19] February 20 - The United States Navy
destroys an American spy satellite, USA 193, with a missile, prompting international speculation that it is testing its capability to destroy the satellites of other countries.[21] February 24 - The 80th Academy Awards, hosted by Jon Stewart, take place at Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, [22] with the Coen brothers' No Country for Old Men winning four
awards out of eight nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director. The film is tied in nominations with Paul Thomas Anderson's There Will Be Blood.[23] The telecast garners 31.7 million viewers, making it the least-watched broadcast since 1974. March 4 - John McCain secures the 2008 U.S. Republican Party presidential nomination after
 winning primary elections in Texas, Vermont, Ohio, and Rhode Island. March 6 - During the early hours of the morning, a small bomb explodes at an unoccupied military recruiting station in Times Square, New York City. No one is injured. March 12 - New York Governor Eliot Spitzer announces his resignation (effective March 17) days after being
linked to a high-priced prostitution ring. Lieutenant Governor David Paterson succeeds the governorship of New York. March 13 - The colorized currency (the color-shifting numeral was not added). March 15 - A construction crane falls on a residential building in Manhattan,
 killing four people and injuring at least 17.[24] March 18 - The Federal Reserve System cuts the federal funds rate by 75 basis points to 2.25%.[25] March 24 - Relatives of victims of the Virginia Tech massacre report that the government of Virginia will offer victims of the Virginia will offer victims of the Virginia Tech massacre report that the government of Virginia will offer victims of the Virginia Will offer victims of the Virginia Tech massacre report that the government of Virginia will offer victims of the Virginia Tech massacre report that the government of Virginia will offer victims of the V
 United States Nancy Reagan endorses John McCain for the presidency. [26] March 30 - World Wrestling Entertainment holds WrestleMania XXIV at the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, drawing a crowd of 74,635. April 7 - The Kansas Jayhawks beat the Memphis Tigers, 75-68 in overtime for the Plorida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, drawing a crowd of 74,635. April 7 - The Kansas Jayhawks beat the Memphis Tigers, 75-68 in overtime for the Plorida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, drawing a crowd of 74,635. April 7 - The Kansas Jayhawks beat the Memphis Tigers, 75-68 in overtime for the Plorida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, drawing a crowd of 74,635. April 7 - The Kansas Jayhawks beat the Memphis Tigers, 75-68 in overtime for the Plorida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, drawing a crowd of 74,635. April 7 - The Kansas Jayhawks beat the Memphis Tigers, 75-68 in overtime for the Plorida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, drawing a crowd of 74,635. April 7 - The Kansas Jayhawks beat the Memphis Tigers, 75-68 in overtime for the Plorida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, drawing a crowd of 74,635. April 7 - The Kansas Jayhawks beat the Memphis Tigers, 75-68 in overtime for the Plorida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, drawing a crowd of 74,635. April 7 - The Kansas Jayhawks beat the Memphis Tigers, 75-68 in overtime for the Plorida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, drawing a crowd of 74,635. April 7 - The Kansas Jayhawks beat the Plorida Citrus Bowl in Orlando Citrus B
 Newseum opens in Washington, D.C. April 15-20 - Pope Benedict XVI visits the United States. Among his destinations are the White House, The Catholic University of America, the United Nationals Park and Yankee Stadium. April 18 - The
5.4 Mw Illinois earthquake hits southeastern Illinois with a maximum Mercalli intensity of VII (Very strong), causing several injuries and limited damage. April 20 - Danica Patrick becomes the first woman to win a top-level sanctioned open wheel car racing event. April 22 - Senator Hillary Clinton wins the Pennsylvania Democratic Primary. April 28
 Favreau, is released by Marvel Studios as the first film of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) and the first film of its "Phase One" slate. May 6 - Senator Barack Obama wins the Indiana Democratic Primary. May 7-15 - Several tornadoes cause substantial damage in the
 Midwestern United States and kill 28 people. May 12 - A leaked video of Fox News Channel anchor Bill O'Reilly from the early-1990s of him freaking out on camera goes viral on YouTube. In the video, O'Reilly is seen shouting "We'll do it live!" May 14 - NASA announces the discovery of Supernova remnant G1.9+0.3. May 15 California becomes the
 second state after Massachusetts in 2004 to legalize same-sex marriage after the state's own Supreme Court rules a previous ban unconstitutional. The United States Department of the Interior lists the polar bear as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, citing the melting of Arctic sea ice as the primary threat to the polar bear. May
20 Senator Hillary Clinton wins the Kentucky Democratic primary while Senator Barack Obama wins the Oregon Democratic primary. Senator Ted Kennedy announces that he has a malignant glioma, a type of cancerous brain tumor. May 22-31 - A series of tornado outbreaks affecting the central plains of the United States is one of the largest
continuous tornado outbreaks on record. A total 239 tornadoes are confirmed. There are 13 fatalities. May 24 - After over thirteen years, Kids' WB, The CW's children's programming block, ceases airing and becomes The CW4Kids when the network sells the air time to Grupo Clarin (through its subsidiary 4Kids Entertainment).[27] May 25 - NASA's
 Phoenix spacecraft becomes the first to land on the northern polar region of Mars. [28] June 1 A large fire engulfs parts of Universal Studios in Universal 
Obama secures the 2008 U.S. Democratic Party presidential nomination, becoming the first African American presumptive presidential candidate for a major political party. June 4 Travis Alexander is stabbed multiple times then shot in the forehead by his former girlfriend, Jodi Arias, in Mesa, Arizona. The murder and subsequent trial received
  widespread media attention.[29][30] The Detroit Red Wings win their 11th Stanley Cup, defeating the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 2008 Stanley Cup Finals in six games. June 7 - Big Brown, previously undefeated, fails to become the first winner of the Triple Crown since 1978, finishing last at the 2008 Belmont Stakes. June 11 - Four Boy Scouts are
killed and 48 others are injured when a tornado strikes Little Sioux, Iowa. Many acts of bravery occurred during and after the storm and many awards for heroism were awarded. June 13 - The Incredible Hulk, directed by Louis Leterrier, is released as the second film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). June 17 - The
Boston Celtics earn their 17th NBA championship by defeating the Los Angeles Lakers. June 26 - The U.S. Supreme Court decides
District of Columbia v. Heller, holding that the District of Columbia's ban on handguns, among other statutory provisions, is unconstitutional. June 27 After three decades as the Chairman of Microsoft Corporation, Bill Gates steps down from daily duties to concentrate on the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.[31][32] Pixar Animation Studios' ninth
feature film, WALL-E, is released in theaters. July 8 - Saner Wonggoun had fled from custody to Thailand and resisted extradition for nearly 14 years. [33] July 10 - The 2008 Major League Baseball All-Star Game takes place at Yankee
Stadium.[34] The home American League wins 4-3 in 15 innings, giving home field advantage in the 2008 World Series to the AL champion, which eventually came to be the Tampa Bay Rays. July 18 - The Dark Knight, directed by Christopher Nolan, is released. It was the highest-grossing film of the year, with a worldwide gross of $997,000,000. July
25 - The Avenue of the Saints expressway project, linking St. Louis, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, is finally completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony near Wayland, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota, Missouri and Mi
damage. August 8-24 - The United States compete at the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China and win 36 gold, 39 silver, and 37 bronze medals. Michael Phelps wins his eighth gold medal, breaking the record set by Mark Spitz, and sets the record for the most golds in a single Olympics. August 8 - Former U.S. Senator and vice-presidential and
presidential candidate John Edwards admits to an adulterous affair with former campaign worker Rielle Hunter after months of tabloid speculation, but denies being the father of her baby. Edwards would later admit to being the baby's father. August 15 - The U.S. government condemns the Russian invasion of the Caucasian country of Georgia.
August 19 - Lady Gaga releases her debut album The Fame. August 24 - An aircraft crashes in Guatemala, killing 10, including four Americans on a humanitarian mission. [36] August 25-28 - Barack Obama and Joe Biden are declared the Democratic presidential and vice presidential and vice presidential candidates at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver,
Colorado. August 26-September 1 - Hurricane Gustav makes landfall on Louisiana as Category 2 and kills seven in the United States, after making landfall on western Cuba as Category 4, and kills seven in the United States, and
529 in Haiti, mostly due to floods and mudslides, [39] August 29 - Republican presidential candidate John McCain chooses Sarah Palin as his running mate, September 1-14 - Hurricane Ike makes landfall on Texas as Category 2 and kills 27 in the United States, after killing four in Cuba, one in the Dominican Republic, and 75 in Haiti, [40][41]
September 1-4 - John McCain and Sarah Palin are declared the Republican presidential and vice presidential candidates at the 2008 Republican National Convention in Saint Paul, Minnesota. September 7 - The US Government takes control of the two largest
mortgage financing companies in the US, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.[42] September 12 - A Metrolink train in Los Angeles, California, killing 25 and injuring 130.[43] September 15 - Wall Street investment bank Lehman Brothers files for Chapter
11 bankruptcy protection.[44] September 21 - The 60th Primetime Emmy Awards are presented.[45][46] The telecast becomes the lowest rated and least viewed ceremony in its televised history.[citation needed] John Adams, 30 Rock, Mad Men, The Amazing Race, and The Daily Show with John Stewart, among others, are winners.[46] September 26
 - John McCain and Barack Obama engage in the first presidential debate, held at University of Mississippi and moderated by Jim Lehrer. September 28 - SpaceX Falcon 1 becomes the world's first privately developed space launch vehicle to successfully make orbit.[47][48] September 29 - the Dow Jones Industrial Average falls 777 points due to the
 financial panic. October 2 - Gwen Ifill hosts the vice presidential debate between Joe Biden and Sarah Palin at Washington University. October 3 - 2008 financial crisis: U.S. President George W. Bush signs the revised Emergency Economic Stabilization Act into law, creating a 700 billion dollar Treasury fund to purchase failing bank assets. [49]
October 6 - NASA's MESSENGER spacecraft makes its second of three flybys of Mercury, decreasing the velocity for orbital insertion on March 18, 2011.[50][51] October 7 - Tom Brokaw hosts the second presidential debate at Belmont University. October 10 Connecticut legalizes gay marriage. The Alaska Legislative Council votes to release an
investigative report that found that Sarah Palin had abused her power as governor in relation to the July 2008 dismissal of Alaskan Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan. October 15 - Presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama meet in their third and final televised debate at Hofstra University. October 20 - The HTC Dream, the
first device to use the Android operating system, is released in the US as the T-Mobile G1. October 29 Delta Air Lines merges with Northwest
Airlines, forming the world's largest commercial carrier.[52][53] The Philadelphia Phillies beat the Tampa Bay Rays in the 2008 World Series. The series score was 4-1. November 1: U.S. President November 4 - 2008 United States
presidential election: Democratic U.S. Senator Barack Obama is elected as the 44th president of the United States and U.S. Senator Joe Biden is elected the 47th vice president. Barack Obama becomes the first African-American president elect. [54][55][56] November 11 - Taylor Swift releases her second studio album Fearless. It would later become
the most-awarded country album of all time. November 14 - STS-126: Space Shuttle Endeavour uses the MPLM Leonardo to deliver experiment and storage racks to the International Space Station. There will be only three more launches of Endeavour after this mission. [57] November 17 - Twilight, based on Stephenie Meyer's 2005 novel of the same
name, starring Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, premieres. November 21 - Walt Disney Animation Studios' 48th feature film, Bolt, is released. Despite a relatively marginal box-office performance, the film receives the studio's strongest critical reception since 1999's Tarzan and is renowned for playing an important role in instigating what is
widely referred to as the Disney Revival, as well as setting the studio in a new creative direction that would lead to other critically acclaimed features such as 2010's Tangled and 2013's Frozen. December 18: George W. Bush ducks one of al-Zaidi's and Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki tries to parry it December - The unemployment rate soars to
7.3%, the highest since December 1932. December 1932. December 1 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average drops 680 points, its fourth worst drop in its history, after the National Bureau of Economic Research declared on the same day that the United States economy officially entered a recession in December 2007. December 2007. December 3 - Retired American football player O. J.
Simpson is sentenced to 33 years in prison in relation to a September 2007 armed robbery. Simpson would be granted parole and released in October 2017. December 9 - Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich is arrested by federal agents on public corruption charges. Prosecutors allege Blagojevich attempted to solicit bribes to occupy the U.S. Senate
seat vacated by Barack Obama upon his election to the presidency. Blagojevich was later convicted. December 11 Bernie Madoff is arrested and charged with securities fraud in relation to what would later be revealed to be the largest Ponzi scheme in history. Nobel Prize winners are announced. Americans Yoichiro Nambu, Martin Chalfie, Roger Y.
Tsien, and Paul Krugman, among others, are recipients, December 18 - Iragi journalist Muntadhar al-Zaidi throws both of his shoes at President George W. Bush during an Iragi press conference, December 24-25 - Bruce Pardo, while wearing a Santa suit, kills nine people during a Christmas Eve party and burns down the house during the Covina.
California massacre. War in Afghanistan (2001-2021) Iraq War (2003-2011) Late-2000s recession (2007-2009) January 18 - Eunho Lee, South Korean professional footballer January 20 - Paige Heyn, skateboarder March 14 - Abby Ryder Fortson, actress April 17 - Gavin Warren, actor May 31 - Kayla Han, swimmer June 4 - Hezly Rivera, artistic
gymnast June 23 - Lilliana Ketchman, dancer, YouTuber, and model July 15 - Iain Armitage, actor August 1 - Emma Berman, actress and voice actress September 18 - Jackson Robert Scott, actor October 9 - Bo, pet dog of the Obama family (d. 2021) October 24 - Liamani Segura, singer November 12 - Ryan Choi, South Korean professional footballer
December 22 - Madeleine McGraw, actress Bobby Fischer Suzanne Pleshette Heath Ledger January 1 - Salvatore Bonanno, leader of organized crime (b. 1932) January 7 Philip Agee, spy and writer, died in Cuba (b. 1935) Edward "Buddy" LeRoux, businessman and American baseball executive (b. 1930) January 10 Christopher Bowman, figure
skater (b. 1967) Maila Nurmi, Finnish-born American actress and television personality (b. 1922) January 11 - Carl Karcher, businessman (b. 1982) January 13 - Brad Renfro, actor (b. 1982) January 17 Bobby Fischer, American-born Icelandic chess grandmaster (b. 1943) Ernie Holmes,
American football player (b. 1948) Allan Melvin, actor (b. 1927) January 18 Georgia Frontiere, American football team owner, entertainer, and philanthropist (b. 1927) Lois Nettleton, actress (b. 1927) January 19 Frances Lewine, journalist (b. 1927) Lois Nettleton, actress (b. 1927) January 19 Frances Lewine, journalist (b. 1927) Lois Nettleton, actress (b. 1927) Lois Nettleton, actress (b. 1927) January 19 Frances Lewine, journalist (b. 1927) Lois Nettleton, actress (b. 1928) L
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Hinckley, minister and executive (b. 1910) January 28 - Frances Dewey Wormser, actress, entertainer and vaudeville performer (b. 1923) Margaret Truman, singer, writer, historian, and daughter of Harry S. Truman (b. 1924) Roy Scheider Tom Lantos
February 1 - Shell Kepler, actress (b. 1958) February 2 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 till 1976. (b. 1925) February 4 Harry Richard Landis, World War I soldier (b. 1899) Sheldon Brown, bicycle mechanic and writer (b. 1944) February 2 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 till 1976. (b. 1909) Joshua Lederberg, Nobel molecular biologist and college administrator (b. 1925) February 2 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 till 1976. (b. 1909) Joshua Lederberg, Nobel molecular biologist and college administrator (b. 1925) February 2 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 till 1976. (b. 1909) Joshua Lederberg, Nobel molecular biologist and college administrator (b. 1925) February 2 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 till 1976. (b. 1909) Joshua Lederberg, Nobel molecular biologist and college administrator (b. 1925) February 3 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 till 1976. (b. 1909) Joshua Lederberg, Nobel molecular biologist and college administrator (b. 1925) February 3 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 till 1976. (b. 1909) Joshua Lederberg, Nobel molecular biologist and college administrator (b. 1909) February 3 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 till 1976. (b. 1909) Joshua Lederberg, Nobel molecular biologist and college administrator (b. 1909) February 3 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 till 1976. (b. 1909) Joshua Lederberg, Nobel molecular biologist and college administrator (b. 1909) February 3 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary (b. 1909) February 3 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary (b. 1909) February 3 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary (b. 1909) February 3 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary (b. 1909) February 3 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary (b. 1909) February 3 Earl Butz, 18th United States Secretary (b. 1909) Februa
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lawyer (b. 1907) David Groh, actor (b. 1939) February 21 - Ben Chapman, actor (b. 1938) February 24 - Larry Norman, musician, singer, songwriter, record label owner, and record producer (b. 1947) February 26
 - Buddy Miles, musician (b. 1947) February 27 William F. Buckley Jr., writer and commentator (b. 1925) Boyd Coddington, automobile producer and television host (b. 1944) Myron Cope, American football sportscaster (b. 1929) February 28 - Joseph M. Juran, Romanian-born American management consultant and engineer (b. 1904) Gary Gygax
 Richard Widmark March 4 - Gary Gygax, writer and game designer (b. 1938) March 5 - Joseph Weizenbaum, German writer and computer scientist, died in Ludwigsfelde-Gröben (b. 1923) March 15 - Vicki Van
Meter, aviator (b. 1982) March 16 Ivan Dixon, actor, director, and producer (b. 1931) Gary Hart, wrestler and wrestling manager (b. 1942) March 20 - Abigail Rose Taylor, notable accident victim (b. 2001) March 22 - Cachao López, Cuban musician, died in Coral Gables, Florida (b. 1918) March 23 - Al Copeland, entrepreneur, died in Munich,
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Rambo, singer, songwriter, and musician (b. 1934) May 12 - Robert Rauschenberg, artist (b. 1913) May 13 - John Phillip Law, actor (b. 1913) May 16 - Robert Mondavi, winemaker (b. 1913) May 18 - Joseph Pevney, film and television director (b. 1911) May 20
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June 6 - Dwight White, American football player (b. 1949) June 7 - Jim McKay, television sports journalist (b. 1921) June 12 - Charlie Jones, television sportscaster and actor (b. 1930) June 13 - Tim Russert, television
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journalist and lawyer (b. 1950) June 15 Johnathan Goddard, American football player (b. 1981) Stan Winston, film and television special effects and makeup artist (b. 1950) June 16 - Caylee Anthony, alleged murder victim (b. 2005) June 17 - Cyd Charisse, actress and dancer, spouse of Tony Martin (b. 1922) June 19 - Bennie Swain, basketball player
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Retrieved from "*Originally published by Pamela in March 2023 and Updated by Felix in March 20242008 was a significant occasions happening all over the planet. From the financial crisis to the ascent of virtual entertainment, the year was loaded with moments that would shape the world for quite a long time into the
future. From the appointment of Barack Obama as the first African-American Leader of the United States to the devastating earthquake in Sichuan, China, 2008 was a time of progress and development. This article will feature 25 major historical events that happened in 2008.1. Barack Obama is chosen as the principal African-American President of
the U.S Barack Obama was chosen as the 44th Leader of the US in 2008, impacting the world forever as the primary African-American the headway that had been made throughout the long term regarding social liberties and racial
correspondence. During his two terms in office, Obama left a mark on the world with his dynamic strategies and his assurance to unite the country. The Enormous Hadron Collider is enacted The Enormous Hadron Collider (LHC) is the world's most remarkable atom smasher. The LHC is a 27-kilometer-long round barrow situated at the European
Association for Atomic Exploration in Geneva, Switzerland. The LHC has been utilized to investigate the essential idea of the issue, as well as to find new particles and respond to the Beijing National Stadium during the 2008 Summer
Olympics. By Tom Nguyen. Wikimedia Commons Beijing, China, facilitated the 29th Summer Olympic Games in 2008. This was whenever an East Asian city first decided to have the Olympics, and the city took incredible measures to make the occasion a triumph. Arrangements started in 2001, with the development of another Public Arena and other
framework projects pointed toward making the city more affable to guests. The initial service was a staggering demonstration of lights and firecrackers, and the actual games were a triumph with a record number of partaking nations and competitors.4. The European Association takes on the Lisbon Settlement The Lisbon Agreement was a significant
achievement during the time spent making a bound together European Association. The settlement was the zenith of a very long-term work to bring the different nations of Europe closer together and lay out a bound-together regulative and chief body to manage the locale. The deal frames the expectations of individual part states and lays out the
structure for a typical unfamiliar and security strategy, as well concerning the production of a Solitary market, among different measures. Furthermore, it makes the job of a European President and High Delegate for International concerns and Security Strategy. 5. The Republic of Kosovo proclaims freedom In 2008, the Republic of Kosovo proclaims
freedom from Serbia, turning into the world's most current country. This notable occasion was the perfection of a long battle for statehood, as most of Kosovo's populace is ethnically Albanian. Following the announcement, Kosovo was immediately perceived by the greater part of the world's nations, including the US and most of the European
Association. However Serbia wouldn't perceive the freedom of Kosovo, the Unified Countries supported the statement and assisted with laying out an administration. Typhoon Nargis hits Myanmar, resulting in an overwhelming wake of obliteration in its way. With ends up to 120 mph, Nargis made broad harm
to the nation, bringing about more than 140,000 passings and leaving a huge number of individuals destitute. This was the most obviously awful catastrophic event in the country to recuperate completely. The Apple Application Store is launched
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of the Application Store, clients had the option to browse an assortment of applications, going from games to efficiency devices. It was whenever that clients first could get to an extensive variety of applications on their gadgets with only a couple of taps. Best book about Barack Obama Legacy See books Best book about The Great Recession See
books 8. The huge "Sichuan seismic tremor" hits China The year 2008 was set apart by misfortune when the monstrous Sichuan quake hit China. The greatness 8.0 quake happened in the Sichuan Territory of China on May 12, 2008. It caused wrecking obliteration, with an expected loss of life of around 70,000 individuals. The seismic tremor
additionally made broad harm to foundations, including homes, schools, and organizations. The Chinese government answered rapidly to the calamity, giving monstrous measures of help and assets to help casualties.9. SpaceX dispatches the initial secretly formed space apparatus into space Image: Liftoff of Falcon 1 Flight 4 on September 29, 2008
By SpaceX. Wikimedia Commons SpaceX sent off its most memorable secretly evolved shuttle, the falcon 1, into space. This was a significant achievement for the organization and denoted whenever a secretly supported rocket first had at any point been effectively sent off into space. The Falcon 1 was a two-stage, fluid-powered rocket and was fit for
conveying a payload of as much as 400 pounds into a low Earth circle. This send-off was a significant accomplishment for SpaceX.10. The Unified Countries General Gathering embraces a goal requiring a prompt truce in the continuous nationwide conflict that had been
seething for quite a long time. The truce was set up by the Unified Countries and African Association and was generally viewed as a significant step in the right direction in the harmony cycle. The truce was expected to assist with giving an open door to a political answer for the longstanding clash and to lessen the viciousness that had been raising in
Darfur. With the truce set up, a huge number of exiles had the option to get back to their homes, while new harmony talks and exchanges started to occur between the clashing gatherings.11. The Northwest Passage turns out to be fairly traversable The Northwest Passage turns out to be fairly traversable and exchanges started to occur between the clashing gatherings.11.
unnatural weather change. This notable occasion denotes a huge achievement throughout the entire existence of a human investigation, as the Northwest Entry is a long-looked-for course interfacing the Atlantic and Pacific seas. This course to
the Orient, saving them time and assets. The softening of the polar ice cap has permitted boats to go through the entry, but with intense mindfulness. 12. The Worldwide Monetary Emergency starts The Worldwide Monetary Emergency starts The with intense mindfulness.
real estate market slump in the US yet immediately spread to the remainder of the world. Banks and other monetary organizations in the U.S., Europe, and Asia had to record billions of dollars in resources, prompting monstrous misfortunes and the disappointment of a few enormous banks. The emergency gigantically affected the worldwide economy
and was a significant contributing element to the Incomparable Downturn that started in late 2008.13. The Czech Republic assumes control over the Administration of the Board of the European Association. This occasion denoted a significant
improvement in the Czech Republic since joining the EU in 2004. During their administration, the Czech Republic worked tirelessly to advance straightforwardness and work towards a more brought-together Europe. They additionally attempted to work on the EU's intensity by pushing for expanded public-private associations and propelling EU
administrative change. Moreover, the Czech Republic attempted to grow the EU's job in the worldwide economy by fortifying its binds with different nations. The Czech Republic's administration on energy security, ecological manageability, and tending to the developing worldwide monetary emergency. 14. Indianately energy security, ecological manageability, and tending to the developing worldwide monetary emergency.
dispatches its previously automated lunar mission, Chandrayaan-1 Image: 
of its sort in Quite a while and set India up for life as a future innovator in space investigation. The mission was a colossal achievement, accomplishing various firsts in space investigation including the disclosure of water particles for the moon's surface, a significant forward leap for the space business. The mission likewise took north of 1,000 pictures
of the moon and conveyed two orbiters around the moon to concentrate on its geography. Also, Chandrayaan-1 denoted whenever an Indian rocket first left the World's circle and branched out into profound space.15. The US endorses the bailout of the US car industry The US endorsed a bailout bundle for the car business during the profundities of
the Incomparable Downturn. This bailout remembered $17.4 billion for advances for General Engines and Chrysler, with an extra $6 billion put away for the providers of the two organizations. The public authority contended that this bailout was essential to forestall a breakdown of the whole car industry, which would make crushing financial
impacts. Taking everything into account, these 15 significant verifiable occasions, going from the worldwide to the nearby, have had enduring results that are as yet clear today. From the economy to legislative issues and civil rights, 2008 was a time of enormous advancement and misfortune that has formed our reality in manners that resound
today. For additional amazing verifiable realities and occasions, see the discover walks blog. 16. The Conflict over the breakaway
region of South Ossetia. Russian troops poured into the region, clashing with Georgian forces and raising fears of a wider war. The conflict highlighted Russia's relations with the West, which criticized Moscow's military intervention. The brief
but intense fighting left hundreds dead and displaced thousands, underscoring the complex ethnic and geopolitical dynamics in the Caucasus region.17. Global Food Shortages spark Unrest and Humanitarian concerns A rise in global food prices, and rising
demand, severely strained food supplies worldwide. Riots erupted in dozens of nations as basic food staples became unaffordable for millions. The crisis highlighted vulnerabilities in the global food system and its inability to cope with shocks. Food shortages threatened to reverse decades of progress in reducing hunger and malnutrition, especially in
the developing world. The food crisis underscored the need for more sustainable agricultural policies and greater investment to boost productivity and affordability. 18. The Discussion around Torture and its Extend Shane T. McCoy, U.S. Navy, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons The use of harsh interrogation techniques by U.S. forces in the
practices at CIA black sites and Guantanamo Bay raised charges of hypocrisy. The incoming Obama administration pledged to ban legally controversial interrogation tactics. 19. A New Tribe is Discovered in the Amazonian rainforests of western
 Brazil made contact with an indigenous tribe thought to have lived in complete isolation from the outside world. Incredible aerial footage captured images of the tribe's thatched huts and gardens, as well as members brandishing bows and arrows. Experts believe the group was likely uncontacted and may have fled deeper into the forest to avoid
encroaching deforestation and development over decades. The discovery highlighted the rich diversity of indigenous peoples living in voluntary isolation in the Amazon and the urgent need to protect their land and way of life from external threats. Avoiding further contact to prevent the spreading of disease remained a top priority. 20. Terrorists
Attack in Mumbai targeting major Landmarks In November 2008, ten Pakistani militants carried out a series of coordinated attacks across Mumbai, India's financial capital. They struck multiple landmarks and locations, including luxury hotels, a Jewish center, a café, and a railway station. The bloody sieges and hostage situations lasted nearly sixty
hours, leaving almost two hundred civilians and security personnel dead. The brazen assaults by the Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist group exposed gaps in Mumbai's emergency response and highlighted the persistent threat of extremism in the region. The attacks further strained tensions between nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan. The
unprecedented violence on Indian soil sparked increased security measures nationwide and a renewed focus on counter-terrorism cooperation. 21. The Category 4 Storm, Hurricane Ike, a powerful Category 4 storm, tore a
destructive path through the Caribbean islands and the Gulf Coast regions of the United States. The massive hurricane caused catastrophic damage in Cuba before slamming into Texas and tornadoes spawned by Ike added to the devastation
Ike ranks among the costliest hurricanes, with an estimated thirty billion dollars in damage. The storm highlighted vulnerabilities in coastal defenses and emergency preparedness, prompting a renewed focus on resiliency and recovery efforts in hurricane-prone regions. 22. Cryptocurrency Bitcoin is introduced by Satoshi Nakamoto Elekes Andor, CC
BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons One of the hottest topics was the revolution in digital currency, which was quietly in motion with the release of a white paper by the elusive Satoshi Nakamoto. Bitcoin was the world's first Cryptocurrency operating on a decentralized block chain network without any third-party intermediary. Nakamoto's pioneering
work solved the "double-spending" problem that had plagued previous digital cash efforts. The launch of the open-source Bitcoin software kicked off an era of innovation as people mined and exchanged the novel virtual currency. Bitcoin's underlying block chain technology captured imaginations and fueled aspirations of upending legacy financial
systems and traditional payment models in the years ahead.23. Long-term Cuban leader Fidel Castro officially resigned as president of Cuba in February 2008 for health reasons. His departure marked the end of an era for the communist island nation he
had controlled since seizing power in the 1959 revolution. Castro had provisionally ceded power to his younger brother Raul in 2006 after undergoing intestinal surgery. The transition formalized Raul's role and sparked speculation about potential reforms, though the regime insisted its socialist policies would remain intact. For many Cubans and
exiles, Castro's exit stoked hopes for democratic change. 24. The Kenyan Post Election Violence after a disputed Presidential Election Weeks of ethnic bloodshed followed Kenya's deeply flawed 2007 presidential election widespread exiles, Castro's exit stoked hopes for democratic change. 24. The Kenyan Post Election Wieles of ethnic bloodshed followed Kenya's deeply flawed 2007 presidential election, leaving over a thousand dead and hundreds of thousands displaced. Incumbent Mwai Kibaki's re-election amid widespread
allegations of rigging sparked protests by supporters of opposition leader Raila Odinga. The post-election crisis laid bare Kenya's deep ethnic divisions and underscored the fragility of its democracy. International mediation and a power-sharing deal eventually quelled the unrest, but the trauma highlighted the need for comprehensive electoral
reforms. The violence tarnished Kenya's reputation and slowed economic progress. 25. The Conflict between Gaza and Israel intensifies causing Civilian Deaths Tensions between Gaza and Israel erupted into violence in 2008, with civilian casualties on both sides. After a six-month ceasefire broke down, Israeli forces launched airstrikes and a ground
offensive against Hamas militants in Gaza, aiming to stop rocket attacks into southern Israel. The twenty-two-day conflict devastated Gaza's infrastructure, leaving approximately two thousand Palestinians dead, including many civilians. In Israel, Palestinians dead, including many civilians while keeping populations under constant threat. The high
toll sparked an international outcry over the humanitarian crisis in the densely populated Gaza Strip. Though temporarily halting hostilities, the intense fighting underscored the lack of progress toward a negotiated resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In 2008, the world witnessed several pivotal events that shaped our collective history. The
global financial crisis shook economies worldwide, while Barack Obama's historic election as the first African American US President symbolized hope and change. The war in Iraq raged on, and the Beijing Olympics showcased China's rising power on the global stage. Best book about Barack Obama Legacy See books Best book about The Great
 Recession See books 2008 will forever be remembered as the year when Barack Obama was elected, becoming the first African-American President Fidel Castro retired after nearly 50 years of rule. It was also a massive year for science, as
construction was completed on one of the biggest and most impressive scientific experiments in history, the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Geneva. 2008 saw the first movie of the cinematic Marvel Universe, Iron Man, the start of The Twilight Saga with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, and the premiere of The Dark Knight. This year was
quite an eventful year in the world of celebrities, too. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie had twins, and Beyoncé and Jay-Z finally married. Continue reading to discover the momentous events, headline-making news, iconic music releases, and notable losses that marked the year 2008. Here we'll rewind to 2008 and relive the exhilarating moments that made
it a year to remember. The British soul singer wasn't able to attend even though she won big, including an award for her song about her own struggles called "Rehab." Serbia disputed the separation of Kosovo and has repeatedly sought out international support to invalidate Kosovo's independence. Fidel was one of the leading men behind the Cuban
Revolution, and after achieving victory, he assumed complete power over the nation. In his tenure as President of Cuba, he survived countless attempts on his life by the US. While his initial actions may have been just, he ended up a despot and a dictator. The concert was possible thanks to an invitation sent by North Korea's Ministry of Culture to the
orchestra in August 2007. The orchestra played the US and North Korean national anthems, among other pieces. The UK's Ministry of Defense made the decision after the media began reporting on Prince Harry's presence in Afghanistan, fearing that both he and the units he was serving with would be at an increased risk of attack. The one-off airport
restaurant cost a staggering $3.4 million (£2.5 million) to build. The Bahrain WTC was the first skyscraper in the world to integrate wind turbines into its design, which provide approximately 11-15% of the tower's total power consumption. Patrick, just 26 at the time, finished the race 5.86 seconds ahead of pole-sitter Helio Castroneves at Japan's
Twin Ring Motegi oval. GTA IV is set in Liberty City, a fast-paced coastal city based on New York City, a fast-paced coastal city based on New York City, a fast-paced coastal city based on New York City, a fast-paced coastal city based on New York City, a fast-paced coastal city based on New York City. It cost over $100 million to produce, making it one of the most expensive games developed at its release. At the time, less than 50% of Californians polled were in favor of same-sex marriage. Nevertheless, the first couples were married under the
new changes in June of the same year. The mission's primary payload was the Japanese Kibō Experiment Module, which the shuttle ferried to the International Space Station (ISS). It's the largest single module ever installed on the ISS. It was astronaut Gregory E. Chamitoff's first mission, and he brought the first bagels into space! Previously known
as the Gamma-ray Large Area Space Telescope (GLAST), the telescope was designed to observe gamma rays from a low Earth orbit. At the time of its launch, it was the most highly advanced and sensitive gamma-ray telescope in space.
later, he had a four-hour operation, where the doctors repaired nerve damage in his shoulder and arm. The British drama loosely adapted Vikas Swarup's novel Q & A. It won eight of the ten Academy Awards it was nominated for, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Adapted Screenplay. It also won seven BAFTA awards. By 2011 Chrome
was the preferred browser over Mozilla Firefox, and in 2013 it overtook Internet Explorer in the US. As of September 2022, it was the most commonly used browser in the Guinness Book of World Records. However, the sandwich was just too
delicious to wait! The primary purpose of the Interstellar Boundary Explorer (IBEX) was to use energetic neutral atoms to take photos of the boundary between our solar system and interstellar space. It was launched using a Pegasus XL launch vehicle, a special type of rocket launched from the air, as opposed to a launchead on the ground, hence why
the Stargazer mother ship was required. The app store gives android users a platform to find and install applications. It was the first Bond movie to feature a blonde James Bond and was a reboot of the series. The uncrewed space probe landed on Mars on May 25, 2008, with a mission to study the history of water on Mars and determine the planet's
overall habitability. Despite being concluded so soon after commencing, the $420 million mission was declared a success, as the lander managed to complete all its planned projects by August. It featured performances from celebrities like The Black Eyed Peas, will.i.am, Katy Perry, and more. Unfortunately, 2008 was also the year we said goodbye
to... Heath Ledger was an Australian actor born on April 4, 1979. He died on January 22, 2008, at age 28 in New York, USA. Yves Saint Laurent was a French fashion designer born on August 1, 1936. He died on June 1, 2008, at age 71 in Paris, France. Here's a roundup of the most memorable quotes people said in 2008. Nelson
Mandela South African President George W. Bush American Politician 2008 was a year that delivered an array of sensational tracks that became the soundtrack of our lives! From the infectious pop sound of "Viva La Vida" by Coldplay to the soulful vocals of "Bleeding Love" by Leona Lewis, these songs struck a chord with our emotions and had us
captivated by their mesmerizing melodies. Stay tuned with these music highlights from 2008 that deserve your attention. Album of the Year Herbie Hancock's jazz album "River: The Joni Letters" showcased his musical prowess and earned him the Grammy Award for Album of the Year in 2008. Song of the Year Amy Winehouse's soulful and honest
 "Rehab" took the world by storm in 2008, earning her the Grammy Award for Song of the Year. Best New ArtistAmy Winehouse's soulful voice and raw talent won her the Grammy Award for Best New Artist in 2008, cementing her as a musical legend despite her untimely passing. Eurovision Song Contest WinnerThe 53rd Eurovision Song Contest, held
in 2008 in Belgrade, Serbia, brought together an eclectic mix of performers from around Europe. Dima Bilan, a captivating artist from Russia, touched hearts with his emotive song "Believe," securing Russia's first Eurovision win. Time for some number fun! The Roman numeral form of 2008 is MMVII, and when converted to binary, it becomes
11111010111. Leap YearThe year 2008, being a leap year, experienced an extra day in February. This adjustment accounts for the fact that a year is approximately 365.25 days long. According to the Chinese zodiac, 2008 marked The Year of the Rat, which repeats once in a twelve-year cycle. However, the Chinese zodiac also includes five elements
which are Wood, Fire, Earth, Gold (Metal), and Water. So not only was 2008 the Year of the Earth Rat, which occurs once every sixty years! Did you know that the Chinese zodiac operates on a lunar calendar? That means the Year of the Earth Rat, which occurs once every sixty years! Did you know that the Chinese zodiac operates on a lunar calendar? That means the Year of the Earth Rat, actually kicked off on February 7th, and lasted until January 25,
2009. People born in the Year of the Rat are known to be resourceful, intelligent, and quick-witted. They are notable figures who were born in the Years of the Rat! Did you know that the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing became the most
expensive Summer Olympics in history? A staggering $40 billion went into the preparations for the Olympic Games! Despite this substantial expenditure, it barely made a dent in China's extensive financial resources. At Hearst Networks EMEA, we share stories that matter. A global broadcaster since 1995, we reach audiences in over 100 countries.
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tornado outbreak across the Southern United States kills 57. 11th February » Rebel East Timorese assassination attempts named seriously wound President José Ramos-Horta. Rebel leader Alfredo Reinado is killed in the attack. 11th February » Namdaemun, a 550-year-old gate in South Korea, was 2008 Namdaemun fire
or toppled by fire. 13th February » Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd makes a historic apology to the Indigenous Australians and the Stolen Generations. 14th February » Northern Illinois university resulting in 6 fatalities (including gunman) and 21 injuries.
17th February » Kosovo 2008 Kosovo declaration of independence e.g declares independence as the Republic of Kosovo. 23rd February » A United States Air Force Base B-2 accident known as crashes on Guam. It is the first operational loss of a B-2. 24th February » Fidel Castro retires as
the President of Cuba after nearly fifty years. 1st March » The Police of the Republic of Armenian presidential election, 2008 named allegedly fraudulent presidential elections 2008, as a result ten people are killed. 6th March » A 6 March 2008 Baghdad bombing
named suicide bomber kills 68 people (including first responders) in Baghdad on the same day that a gunman Mercaz HaRav massacre named kills eight students in Jerusalem. 13th March » A series of 2008 Tibetan unrest e.g riots, protests, and
demonstrations erupt in Lhasa and elsewhere in Tibet. 19th March » GRB 080319B: A cosmic burst that is the farthest object visible to the naked eye is briefly observed. 24th March » Bhutan officially becomes a democracy, with its Bhutanese general election, 2008 named first ever general election. 3rd April » ATA Airlines, once one of the ten largest
U.S. passenger airlines and largest charter airline, files for bankruptcy for the second time in five years and ceases all operations. 6th April » Danica Patrick wins the Indy Japan 300 becoming the first
female driver in history to win an American Championship Car Racing named Indy car race. 22nd April » The United States Air Force retires the remaining F-117 Nighthawk aircraft in service. 30th April » Two skeletal remains found near Yekaterinburg, Russia, are confirmed by Russian scientists to be the remains of Alexei Nikolaevich, Tsarevich of
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Nargis makes landfall in Burma killing over 138,000 people and leaving millions of people homeless. 2nd May » Chaitén (volcano) named Chaitén (volcano) named EF4 tornado strikes the Oklahoma-Kansas state line, killing 21 people and
injuring over 100. 12th May » An 2008 Wenchuan earthquake or earthquake (measuring around 8.0 magnitude) occurs in Sichuan, China, killing over 69,000 people. 12th May » U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement conducts the Postville Raid e.g largest-ever raid of a workplace in Postville, Iowa, arresting nearly 400 Immigration to the United
States named immigrants for identity theft and document fraud. 13th May » The Jaipur bombings in Rajasthan, India results in dozens of deaths. 22nd May » The Late-May 2008 tornado outbreak sequence unleashes 235 tornadoes, including an Enhanced Fujita scale EF4 and an Enhanced Fujita scale EF5 tornado, between May 22 and May 31, 2008
The tornadoes strike 19 U.S. state states and one Canadian province. 23rd May » The International Court of Justice (ICJ) awards Middle Rocks to Malaysia and Pedra Branca dispute between the two countries. 26th May » 2008
South China floods or Severe flooding begins in eastern and southern China that will ultimately cause 148 deaths and force the evacuation of 1.3 million. 28th May » The first meeting of the Shah dynasty. 29th May » A 2008 Iceland earthquake known
as strong earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale strikes Iceland near the town of Selfoss (town) called Selfoss, injuring 30 people. 1st July » Former Macedonian Interior Minister Ljube Boškoski
is acquitted of all charges by a United Nations Tribunal accusing him of war crimes. 16th July » Sixteen infants in Gansu Province, China, who had been fed on 2008 Chinese milk scandal named tainted milk powder, are diagnosed with kidney stones; in total an estimated 300,000 infants are affected. 28th July » The historic Grand Pier,
Weston-super-Mare called Grand Pier in Weston-super-Mare burns down for the second time in 80 years. 1st August » Eleven mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died on K2, the second-highest mountaineers from international expeditions died o
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in the crash, and eight more die later. Only 18 people survive. 6th September » Turkish President Abdullah Gül attends an association soccer called football match in Armenia after an invitation by Armenian President Serzh Sarkisyan, making him the first Turkish head of state to visit the country. 7th September » The Federal takeover of Fannie Mae
and Freddie Mac called US Government takes control of the two largest mortgage financing companies in the US, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. 10th September » The Large Hadron Collider at CERN, described as the biggest scientific experiment in history, is powered up in Geneva, Switzerland. 12th September » The 2008 Chatsworth train collision
in Los Angeles between a Metrolink (Southern California) known as Metrolink commuter train and a Union Pacific freight train kills 25 people. 13th September » Delhi, India, is hit by a 13 September » Hurricane Ike makes landfall on the
Texas Gulf Coast of the United States, causing heavy damage to Galveston Island, Houston and surrounding areas. 14th September » All 88 people on board Aeroflot Flight 821 are killed when the plane crashes on approach to Perm Airport. 15th September » Lehman Brothers files for Chapter 11, Title 11, United States Code or Chapter 11
bankruptcy, the largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history. 20th September » A dump truck full of explosives Islamabad, Pakistan, killing 54 people and injuring 266 others. 23rd September » Kauhajoki school shooting: Matti Saari kills 10 people
before committing suicide. 25th September » China launches the spacecraft Shenzhou 7. 27th September » China launches the first Chinese person to perform a spacewalk while flying on 'Shenzhou 7'. 28th September » SpaceX launches the first private spacecraft, the Falcon 1 into
orbit. 29th September » Following the bankruptcy or bankruptcies of Lehman Brothers and Washington Mutual, The Dow Jones Industrial Average falls 777.68 points, the largest single-day point loss in its history. 3rd October » The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 for the U.S. financial system is signed by President George W. Bush
10th October » The 10 October 2008 Orakzai bombing kills 110 and injures 200 more. 22nd October » India launches its first unmanned lunar mission Chandrayaan-1. 4th November » Over five months after landing on
Mars, NASA declares the 'Phoenix (spacecraft) called Phoenix mission concluded after communications with the lander (spacecraft) known as lander were lost. 11th November » RMS named Queen Elizabeth 2 (QE2) sets sail on her final voyage to Dubai. 14th November » The 2008 G-20 Washington summit or first G-20 economic summit opens in
Washington, D.C. 20th November » After Financial crisis of 2007-2008 known as critical failures in the US financial system began to build up after mid-September, the Dow Jones Industrial Average reaches its lowest level since 1997. 25th November » Cyclone Nisha (2008) known as Cyclone Nisha strikes northern Sri Lanka, killing 15 people and
displacing 90,000 others while dealing the region the highest rainfall in nine decades. 26th November » 2008 Mumbai attacks by Pakistan-sponsored Lashkar-e-Taiba. 6th December » The 2008 Greek riots break out upon the killing of a 15-year-old boy, Alexandros Grigoropoulos, by a police officer. 11th December » Bernard Madoff is arrested and
charged with securities fraud in a $50 billion Ponzi scheme. 14th December » Muntadhar al-Zaidi throws List of shoe throwing incidents called his shoes at then-U.S. President George W. Bush during a press conference in Baghdad, Iraq. 22nd December » An ash dike Kingston Fossil Plant coal fly ash slurry spill ruptured at a solid waste containment
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front page that no one missed. From the presidential election to the bailout plan, it's been hard to tear our eyes away from the life-changing events unfolding before us. The year had a little something to offer everyone. Maybe you were watching the stock market's rocky trajectory -- or that of Britney Spears' career. Perhaps you scanned the news for
the latest updates on the oil drilling controversy, or you might've been focused on the conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Every year has its share of memorable news clippings for your scrapbook, you might've
forgotten what happened earlier this year. That's where HowStuffWorks comes in. We're not just about hybrid car technology and cloud computing (though we certainly know our stuff when it comes to those topics). We're history buffs, too -- and that includes history in the making. Here are 10 headlines from 2008 that will go down in history -- and a
couple that you might have missed. From Asia to Europe, North America to Africa, and even the land down under, the world was humming with activity. And we haven't just recapped the highlights for you. We've matched up these history-in-the-making moments with some of our best history and politics articles to put the events in perspective. So
pour a cup of coffee, settle into your most comfortable chair and read about history like a modern scholar: on a Web site. Name a defining moment of the 2004 presidential elections. Can't think of one? Can you remember the candidates who squared off? Their running mates? It'll be a long time before anyone forgets the faces and events of the 2008
elections. While John McCain put Wasilla, Alaska, on the map and lured comedian Tina Fey back to "Saturday Night Live" after tapping Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate, the Democratic Party was making strides toward history. Months before the Democratic Convention, it appeared that the two strongest candidates for the party's nomination
were Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. Hillary Clinton. While Clinton would be remembered as the first woman in U.S. history to make a serious bid for the president. The Obama fundraising campaign was also one of the most lucrative in history, and his platform of change attracted a significant portion
of the youth vote. The Obama and Clinton campaigns became forever intertwined when President-elect Obama chose Clinton as his secretary of state. For more on these history-makers' campaigns and political careers, read How Barack Obama Works and How Hillary Clinton Works. They were both the unlikeliest and likeliest adversaries: Russia and
the former Soviet republic of Georgia. Unlikely because Russia trumps Georgia in size and military might, yet likely because they were both after the breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. The European Union began its official investigation of the conflict on Dec. 2, after nearly three months of finger-pointing between Russia and Georgia.
On Aug. 8, a skirmish broke out as Georgian troops and tanks fired on the region's capital, Tskhinvali. Russia retaliated by sending tanks into Georgia and flooding the nation's skies with fighter planes. While Georgia claims that it was acting defensively, Russia insists that it was protecting pro-Russian South Ossetians in the combat zone. The conflict
was the result of years of tension between Russia and Georgia, as well as mounting strife from Kosovo's recent declaration of independence. Enduring the international community's criticism for its heavy-fisted invasion of Georgia, Russia seemed on the verge of a more serious retaliation against the country. After months of fighting, in which Russia
ostensibly emerged as the victor, South Ossetia and Abkhazia broke ties with Georgia. For now, only Russia is acknowledging the independence of the two breakaway nations. What exactly is a breakaway nation, and how do you ensure safety and solid infrastructure if you start your own country? In some nations around the world, there's a real dearth
of food -- and what food is available is awfully expensive. Rising food prices are indicative of a new kind of demand: Harvests are being turned over to biofuel experiments, and not enough has been rationed for the people who depend on the output for the mainstay of their
diets. For the first time since the 1970s, the food shortage is a global-scale issue, not a small-scale problem related to local farms turning out poor harvests. When the situation gets particularly dire, people go hungry or become desperate. In late October, The Moscow Times reported that a homeless man from Kamchatka and two accomplices were
arrested for murdering a man, butchering his body, frying and eating it. A wake-up call for the world's agricultural community? Perhaps, but cannibalism can be motivated by more than just hunger, though it's rare to hear about it in the 21st century. Whether it's a case of survival, ritual or malice, you can read about the practice's origins in How
Cannibalism Works. Of all the ancient world's mysteries, from the Egyptian pyramids to the stylized stone heads of Easter Island, Stonehenge has been one of the most baffling to archaeologists. Theories of all varieties have been purported to explain the purpose of these looming bluestone formations. For the first time in 45 years, scientists obtained
clearance from the Druids to excavate the World Heritage site. Their findings? Stonehenge is older than we originally thought -- nearly 500 years older. According to the scientists once thought that Stonehenge was a burial ground, some schools now suspect that it was used as a healing
site. Evidence points to the bluestones being moved and repositioned as well as being pummeled by hammers and other tools that ancient people may have used to obtain a piece of the healing rock. Modern Druids corroborate this theory, having long insisted that Stonehenge is a harbinger of good luck, if not healing powers. Which of the world's
ancient wonders will be demystified next? Learn about the processes of excavation and preservation in How Archaeology Works and What is a World Heritage site? In early February, the torture question was on everyone's minds. When is torture legal -- if ever? After Sept. 11, 2001, six men thought to be responsible for the terrorist attacks were
questioned by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and it later came to light that the CIA had used tactics expressly forbidden by the Geneva Convention. The White House responded that interrogation techniques like waterboarding are acceptable if the president and attorney general condones them. But humanitarian groups weren't any more
comfortable with this answer than they had been in 2001, when Vice President Dick Cheney declared that in waging the War on Terror, the conventional rules of war didn't apply. Raising hackles even more, videotapes that had been used to record the CIA's interrogations of two al-Qaida suspects were destroyed. Ultimately, the torture question and
the CIA's exceptions to the rules of war would leave lasting impressions about the efficacy and justice of the Bush administration. Between 1910 and 1970, nearly 100,000 Aboriginal children became known as the Stolen Generation. The
Australian government upheld the campaign because studies showed that Aborigines were at a higher risk for alcoholism, infant mortality, criminal behavior and drug addiction than non-native Australians. Separated from their families, Aboriginal children were meant to be assimilated into white society but faced emotional turmoil as a result of not
being accepted on the basis of their race. What's more, they were cut from the comforts and identity of their own cultural heritage. No prime minister had offered a formal apology to the members of the Stolen Generation due to fear of sweeping lawsuits and demand for financial reparations. But on Feb. 13, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivered a
formal apology nearly a century in the making. To date, only one member of the Stolen Generation has received financial reparations for his suffering. Learn more in How Aborigines Work and What was Australia's Stolen Generation? About 500 years ago, explorers began searching for a shortcut between Europe and Asia. The tantalizing idea of a
shorter route between the continents was once the stuff of fiction, but then sailors stumbled upon an icy path from Baffin Bay to the Bering Strait connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. But like many shortcuts, the hassle of traversing the iceberg-ridden Northwest Passage nearly negates the convenience of the route. In fact, it has never been
completely passable until now. The European Space Agency (ESA) published satellite images of the region that showed melting for businessmen. As the Panama and Suez Canals become more heavily trafficked, the prospect of
using the Northwest Passage has Canada, Denmark, Norway, Russia and the United States clamoring for rights to the waterway. For now, the countries are sitting tight, but if the region continues to thaw, the question on everyone's mind is: Could the Northwest Passage open for business? It seemed entirely unthinkable in our linked-up, ultra-
connected, Wi-Fi world: How could a tribe remain undiscovered in the Amazon in the 21st century? Photos of an Amazon tribe were published in major news outlets worldwide on May 29 and 30, and we stared agog at the tribal people brandishing bows and arrows at the photographers. Then, the real story came a few days later. These weren't exactly
members of an undiscovered tribe; they were members of an uncontacted tribe. The difference in terminology is significant. Undiscovered means that no one has ever apprehended that group before. Uncontacted means that the government of the country in which they live knows they're there -- but no one is bothering them. First contact occurs when
an isolated group is approached by an outside party, be it anthropologists or loggers. In the case of this Amazon tribe, first contact had already been made, and the group was being threatened by encroaching loggers, ranchers and oil prospectors. The Brazilian government released the images of this tribe -- originally taken between April 28 and May
2 -- to show the world firsthand the people who are threatened by deforestation. Lesson learned? Time will tell. Beijing was named the site of the 2008 Olympic Games back in 2001. The honor of hosting the games is always guaranteed to put a city in the spotlight, foster a boom in infrastructure and bring in a truckload of revenue from tourism. But
in the case of Beijing, it also infused the Chinese with great pride. China wanted to show the world that despite negative impressions of the Communist regime, it could pull off one of the greatest feats of diplomacy, hospitality and showmanship. The opening ceremony, which took place at 8:08 p.m. on Aug. 8, was considered an auspicious time to
deliver children. And while it was unlikely that many mothers would give birth at the same moment as the ceremony began, parents found other ways to commemorate their newborn children and the Olympic Games. Nearly 3,500 children were named Aoyun, or "Olympics." Thousands more found namesakes in the Chinese Olympic mascots: Bei Bei,
Jing Jing, Huan Huan, Ying Ying and Ni Ni. For more on this baby-naming trend, read Have thousands of children in China been named "Olympics"? On Sept. 24, Pres. George W. Bush got right to the point in a national address: "Our entire economy is in danger." He was rallying support for a $700 billion bailout plan called the Paulson Package,
which ultimately failed to garner much approval. After a couple of all-nighters, Congressional leaders revealed their own bill: the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. But this bill fell flat by a vote of 228 to 205 against it in the House. The Senate jazzed it up once again, and the bill at last passed by a margin of 263 to 171. Why so much
contention? And how exactly was the $700 billion in the bailout plan allocated to be spent? The bailout marks the most significant instance of government interference in the economy since the legislation made under the Great Depression. The money was originally meant to buy up bad loans from mortgages and mortgage-backed securities, but recent
news suggests that some funds should be spent to shore up banks. In November, talk of an automotive industry bailout made headlines, and on Dec. 1, the National Bureau of Economic Research announced that the United States is officially in a recession. So those are 10 of many memorable moments from 2008 that'll be recorded in the annals of
history. From an overdue apology to generations of Aborigine children and a massively flailing global economy to new insights about one of the world's oldest mysteries, the year has been packed with news-making events.
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