

On this day in history

November 17, 2026

1777
Articles of Confederation submitted to the states

1839
Verdi's first opera opens

1863
Siege of Knoxville, Tennessee, begins

1869
Suez Canal opens

1958
The Kingston Trio brings folk music to the top of the U.S. pop charts

1965
1st Cavalry unit ambushed in the Ia Drang Valley

1968

TV viewers become outraged as football game is cut off to air ‘Heidi’

1969
SALT I negotiations begin

1970
My Lai trial begins

1972
A wealthy heiress is murdered by her son

1973
Nixon insists that he is “not a crook”

1980
Serial killer couple Charlene Williams and Gerald Gallego apprehended

1981
President Reagan gives CIA authority to establish the Contras

1989
Velvet Revolution begins in Czechoslovakia

2003
‘The Terminator’ becomes ‘The Governator’ of California

2003
Beltway sniper attacker John Muhammad is convicted