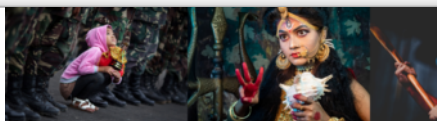




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Track level of Weesperplein

Weesperplein is an underground [metro station](#) in the city centre of [Amsterdam](#), Netherlands. Served by lines 51, 53 and 54 of the [Amsterdam Metro](#), the station was constructed using [caissons](#) with a length and width of 40 metres (130 ft). The station has two floors, the upper floor featuring a station hall with stores and the lower floor (*pictured*) containing the tracks. Construction started in August 1970, and the first test rides passed through the station in January 1977. Extensive tests were carried out in September that year before the station opened on 16 October. Another platform below the existing one was used as a [fallout shelter](#) until 1999. During a renovation of the emergency exits in 2011, some repairs had to be redone several times due to poor quality work. Weesperplein was renovated again from May 2017 to July 2018, when a new elevator and two more staircases between the hall and tracks were constructed. It was the fifth most used station of the Amsterdam Metro in 2018. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that [Bill Post](#) helped invent the [Pop-Tart](#)?



Ford Strikers Riot

In the news

- Japanese [manga](#) artist **Akira Toriyama** (*pictured*), author of *Dragon Ball*, dies at the age of 68.
- Sweden becomes **the thirty-second member state** of [NATO](#).
- The Haitian government declares a [state of emergency](#) after **gangs storm two prisons** and demand the resignation of [Prime Minister Ariel Henry](#).
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Akira Toriyama

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- 1776** – Scottish political economist [Adam Smith](#)'s book *[The Wealth of Nations](#)*, the first modern work in the field of [economics](#), was first published.
- 1891** – **Kaʻiulani** (*pictured*) was appointed [heir apparent](#) to the throne of the [Hawaiian Kingdom](#).
- 1925** – The [Royal Air Force](#) began **a bombardment and strafing campaign** against the mountain strongholds of [Mahsud](#) tribesmen in [South Waziristan](#).
- 1956** – In [Tbilisi](#), Georgia, [Soviet military](#) troops **suppressed mass demonstrations** against Soviet leader [Nikita Khrushchev](#)'s [de-Stalinization](#) policy.
- 1957** – The M_w 8.6 **Andreanof Islands earthquake** struck [Hawaii](#) and the [Aleutian Islands](#), causing over \$5 million in damage from ground movement and a destructive tsunami.



Princess Kaʻiulani

[Abu Ma'shar al-Balkhi](#) (d. 886) · [Catherine of Bologna](#) (d. 1463) · [Friederike Caroline Neuber](#) (b. 1697) · [Lill-Babs](#) (b. 1938)

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(0.21 oz), with a length of 8 to 10 centimetres (3.1 to 3.9 in), the adult male of the [nominate subspecies](#) has grey-brown upperparts with numerous paler buff spots, a black crown, wings and tail all with white spots, white eyebrows and reddish rump. The female is duller overall. This female spotted pardalote was photographed near [Glen Davis](#) in New South Wales, Australia.

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