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From today's featured article

"**No Rest for the Wicked**" is the **third-season** finale of **The CW** television series *Supernatural*. Written by series creator **Eric Kripke** and directed by **Kim Manners**, the episode was first broadcast in the U.S. on May 15, 2008. The narrative follows **Sam** (**Jared Padalecki**) and **Dean Winchester** (**Jensen Ackles**), brothers who hunt supernatural creatures, as they attempt to save Dean's soul from damnation. The episode marks the final appearance of **Katie Cassidy** as the demon **Ruby**. The writers initially intended that Sam would save Dean, but the **2007–08 Writers Guild of America strike** prevented the development of that storyline throughout the season. Dean is instead killed, and sent to Hell. The episode received high ratings for the season, and garnered generally positive reviews from critics. The decision to follow through with Dean's Hell-bound contract was praised, as were the performances of Padalecki and Ackles. **Sierra McCormick** was noted for her "creepy" demon character Lilith. (**Full article...**)

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- ... that **enlightened** individuals can supposedly see a temple at the bottom of the **Burning Lake** (*pictured*) in **Bhutan**?
- ... that the footballer **Irvine Thornley**'s benefit match raised £1036, a record at the time?
- ... that **Jack White** left his song "**Over and Over and Over**" unrecorded for 13 years until his 2018 album *Boarding House Reach*?
- ... that though found from Portugal to Angola, the conservation status of the **Portuguese sole** is **unknown**?
- ... that as a child, **Nagi Yanagi** became interested in music after playing with an **electronic keyboard** her neighbor originally intended to throw away?



The legendary Burning Lake

In the news

- **More than 50 Palestinian protesters are killed** in the **Gaza Strip**, on the day the **United States** moves its embassy to **Jerusalem**.
- In **association football**, the **English Premier League** concludes with **Manchester City** winning the title.
- **A series of bombings** in **Surabaya**, **Indonesia**, kills at least 25 people (*President **Joko Widodo** surveying damage pictured*).
- **Netta**, representing **Israel**, wins the **Eurovision Song Contest** in **Lisbon**, **Portugal**, with the song "Toy".
- The **Supreme Court of the Philippines** removes **Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno** from office.



Surabaya bombing aftermath

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On this day...

May 15: Feast day of **Saint Mo Chutu** (Irish Catholicism); **Nakba Day** in Palestinian communities

- 1602 – English explorer **Bartholomew Gosnold** led the first recorded European expedition to visit **Cape Cod** in present-day **Massachusetts**.
- 1864 – **American Civil War**: A small **Confederate** force, which included cadets (*pictured*) from the **Virginia**



"Cadets at [the Battle of] New Market"

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- ... that no one was ever convicted of the **1924 lynching** of 15-year-old African-American Samuel Smith in **Nolensville, Tennessee**?
- ... that when **blindness** forced **Oscar Almgren** to retire as professor of Scandinavian and Comparative Archaeology at **Uppsala University**, a role filled by **Sune Lindqvist** and **Mårten Stenberger** in turn, his young son **Bertil Almgren** read academic papers to him, and decades later took the post himself?
- ... that **Mrs. David Wright's Guard** was formed by female patriots in the **American Revolutionary War** to guard a crossing on the **Nashua River**?

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Military Institute, **forced** the Union Army out of the **Shenandoah Valley**.

- 1911 – Mexican Revolution: A force of **Maderistas** captured **Torreón** and proceeded to **massacre** 303 of the city's Chinese residents.
- 1948 – The **Australian cricket team**, **on tour in England**, set a **first-class world record** that still stands by scoring 721 runs in a day against **Essex**.
- 1966 – Disapproving of his handling of the **Buddhist Uprising**, South Vietnamese Prime Minister **Nguyễn Cao Kỳ** ordered an attack on the forces of General **Tôn Thất Đính** and ousted him from the position.

Mleh, Prince of Armenia (d. 1175) · **Levi Lincoln Sr.** (b. 1749) · **Mohamed Brahmi** (b. 1955)

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