

*Friday, April 21*

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2004:** Israeli nuclear whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu was released from jail after serving an 18-year sentence for treason

**1926:** Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom since 1952, was born. She marks her 80th birthday today

**1960:** Brasilia was inaugurated as the new capital of Brazil

**1997:** The ashes of 1960s drug guru Dr Timothy Leary, Star Trek creator Gene Roddenberry and 22 others blasted off aboard a Pegasus rocket in the world's first "space funeral"

**2000:** Russia ratified the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty