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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** Chewing gum, banned in Singapore for 12 years, was again on sale, but only in pharmacies as it qualified as a controlled substance

1850: The first hippopotamus seen in Britain arrived at London Zoo, where it lived for 28 years

1953: The United States successfully fired the first atomic artillery shell into the atmosphere

1994: The United Nations lifted its arms embargo on South Africa

2005: A 1,762km-long oil pipeline, expected to transport up to a million barrels daily from Azerbaijan to Turkey, was officially opened