Thursday, January 29

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1958: U.S. film star Paul Newman married actress Joanne Woodward. The marriage lasted 50 years until Newman's death last September

1856: Britain's highest military decoration, the Victoria Cross, was instituted

1891: Liliuokalani was proclaimed Queen of Hawaii

1987: Mikhail Gorbachev called for greater democracy and openness, or glasnost, in the Soviet Union

2008: Severe snowstorms in China cut the Beijing-Guangzhou railway, stranding millions of people trying to go home for the Chinese New Year