Tuesday, February 3

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1959: U.S. rock 'n' roll star Buddy Holly was killed in a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa. Fellow stars Richie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson, and the pilot, also died

1690: America's first paper money was issued in Massachusetts

1809: German composer Felix Mendelssohn was born

2003: Legendary music producer Phil Spector was arrested for the murder of an actress found shot dead at his home

2008: At least eight people were killed and up to 100 injured in a suicide attack in the main railway station in Colombo, Sri Lanka