

Wednesday, February 4

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1928:** Dancer Josephine Baker caused an outrage when performing in Vienna, Austria, dressed only in a bunch of bananas

1783: Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colony, the United States of America

1976: The capital of Mozambique, Lourenco Marques, was renamed Maputo

1978: Junius Jayawardene was sworn in as Sri Lanka's first president

1999: New York police officers shot dead an unarmed African immigrant, believing he was reaching for a gun as they hunted a rape suspect