ON THIS DAY

▲ **100 BC:** Gaius Julius Caesar, one of ancient Rome's most noted generals and statesmen, was born

1794: British admiral Horatio Nelson lost his right eye at the siege of Calvi, in Corsica

1884: Amedeo Modigliani, Italian modernist painter, was born

1970: China agreed to make a substantial loan to Tanzania and Zambia to build the Tanzam railway

2008: French President Nicolas Sarkozy announced that Syria and Lebanon had agreed to establish embassies in each other's capital cities

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