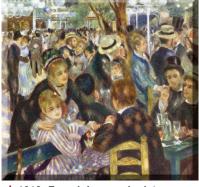# ON THIS DAY

▲ **1919:** French Impressionist painter Pierre Auguste Renoir died

1923: Legendary operatic soprano Maria Callas was born to Greek parents in New York City

1984: A toxic gas leak at the Union Carbide pesticide plant near Bhopal, India, killed over 3,000 people

1989: East German leader Egon Krenz and the entire Communist Party hierarchy voted themselves out of office

2008: Over 100 countries signed a treaty banning cluster bombs at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway. Notable absentees included the U.S., China, Russia, India, Pakistan, and Israel

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