

Friday, February 12

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** International celebrations took place to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of British naturalist Charles Darwin, who formulated the theory of evolution

1831: J.W. Goodrich of Boston, Massachusetts, invented rubber galoshes

1895: China surrendered at the Battle of Weihaiwei, ending the Sino-Japanese War

1996: Yasser Arafat was sworn in as the first Palestinian president

2009: A U.S. commuter jet crashed in Buffalo, New York, killing all 49 on board and one person on the ground