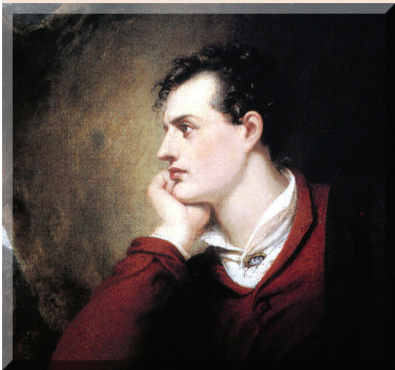


Monday, April 19

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1824:** English Romantic poet Lord Byron died of a fever at Missolonghi, Greece, while aiding Greek rebels fighting the Ottoman Turks

1839: The Kingdom of Belgium was formally recognised by all the states of Europe

1971: Russia launched its Salyut space station into orbit around earth

1983: A suicide car bombing at the U.S. embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, killed over 60 people

2009: British writer J.G. Ballard, whose best-known novels included *Crash* and *Empire of the Sun*, died from prostate cancer at the age of 78