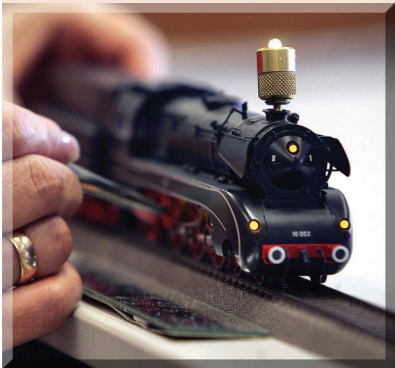


Friday, February 4

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** Märklin, the 150-year-old German model train manufacturer, went bankrupt, becoming another casualty of the global recession

1746: Tadeusz Kosciuszko, Polish soldier and patriot, was born. In 1794 he led a failed uprising to liberate Poland from Russian influence

1884: Sudanese forces inflicted a heavy defeat on Egyptian troops at El Teb during the Sudan campaign

1976: An 7.5 earthquake and resulting mudslides killed 23,000 people in Guatemala; 1.5m were left homeless

2003: The federation of Yugoslavia was dissolved after nearly 74 years