

Saturday, February 12

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1809: British naturalist Charles Darwin, who formulated the theory of evolution, was born**

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

2010: The opening day of the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada, was marred by tragedy when Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili was killed after crashing on a training run