

Friday, February 18

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2001:** U.S. stock-car racing legend Dale Earnhardt was killed in a last-lap accident at the sport's premier race, the Daytona 500

1838: Austrian physicist Ernst Mach was born

1898: Racing car pioneer Enzo Ferrari was born in Modena, Italy

1977: America's first space shuttle, *Enterprise*, made its maiden test voyage atop a Boeing 747

2010: Britain, Ireland and France demanded explanations from Israel over the use of fake passports by the alleged killers of a top Hamas official in Dubai in January