

Friday, April 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2010: The discovery of a new hominid, *Australopithecus sediba*, believed to be an ancestor of either *Homo habilis* or *Homo erectus*, was announced in South Africa

1513: Juan Ponce de Leon discovered Florida and claimed it for Spain

1913: The opening of China's first parliament took place in Peking

1992: PLO leader Yasser Arafat survived a plane crash in the Sahara

2010: Presidents Obama and Medvedev signed the New START treaty, cutting by a third the nuclear arsenals of the U.S. and Russia left over from the Cold War