

Friday, April 29

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** Swine flu infections soared worldwide as the first death outside Mexico was recorded in the U.S.

1818: Tsar Alexander II of Russia was born; he emancipated the serfs in 1861 but was assassinated in 1881

1945: U.S. forces liberated Dachau concentration camp in Germany

1980: British-born film director Sir Alfred Hitchcock, whose famous suspense thrillers included *Psycho* and *The Birds*, died at age 80

1999: Nine countries, including the U.S. and China, refused to back the UN Commission of Human Rights' call for a global ban on executions