

A photograph of actor Peter Falk, smiling and gesturing with his right hand towards the camera. He is wearing a light-colored trench coat over a dark shirt and tie. He is standing next to a classic car with a tan convertible top. The background shows a street scene with buildings and other cars.

## Today in History

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▲ U.S. actor Peter Falk, best known for his role as scruffy detective Lieutenant Columbo in the television series of the same name, died at the age of 83

**1537:** Spanish explorer Pedro de Mendoza, who founded the city of Buenos Aires, died on his return to Spain

**1848:** Adolphe Sax was awarded a patent for the saxophone

**1868:** Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for the typewriter

**1997:** Cambodia confirmed that Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot, responsible for over a million deaths in the 1970s, was in captivity