



Today in History

February 12, 2011

▲ **NASA's unmanned NEAR-Shoemaker probe touched down on Eros, 21 miles long and 8 miles wide, becoming the first spacecraft to land on an asteroid**

1973: The first group of U.S. prisoners of war were freed from North Vietnam

1973: The first metric road signs in the U.S. were erected in Ohio, with distances in both miles and kilometres

2001: A California court ruled that the online music sharing service Napster must stop trading in copyright material

2003: Riots in the Bolivian capital La Paz, against a government plan for a graduated income tax, killed 27