



Today in History

March 26, 1953

▲ Dr Jonas Salk, from the University of Pittsburgh, reported that tests of his polio vaccine had been successful. The vaccine virtually ended the crippling viral disease

1827: Ludwig van Beethoven, one of the greatest composers in the history of music, died in Vienna at the age of 56

1997: Comet Hale-Bopp was at its brightest and clearly visible to the naked eye

2003: The World Trade Organisation ruled that steel tariffs imposed by the U.S. in early 2002 were illegal

2008: A piece of human jawbone unearthed in a cave in Spain was revealed to be 1.3 million years old