



## Today in History

*April 17, 1970*

▲ The crippled U.S. spacecraft Apollo 13 and its three astronauts splashed down safely in the Pacific after its near disastrous trip to the moon

**1960:** American rock star Eddie Cochran was killed in a car crash while on tour in Britain

**1986:** UK journalist John McCarthy was kidnapped in Beirut. He was released by Islamic Jihad in 1991

**1993:** The discovery of a 75 million-year-old fossil provided a link between dinosaurs and birds

**2009:** Botswana halved its output of diamonds because of the global economic crisis