



## Today in History

*December 9, 2008*

▲ **Astronomers confirmed the presence of a giant black hole at the centre of our galaxy, 27,000 light years from Earth and four million times bigger than the sun**

**1641:** Flemish artist Anthony Van Dyck, court painter to King Charles I of England, died in London

**1990: Former Solidarity trade union leader Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential election by a landslide**

**1993:** U.S. astronauts finished five days of gruelling repairs to the \$3bn Hubble Space Telescope

**2012: Footballer Lionel Messi scored his 86th goal of 2012, a record for the most goals in a calendar year**