



Today in History

December 24, 1968

▲ The three Apollo 8 astronauts became the first humans to orbit the moon, capturing the famous “Earthrise” picture, the first to show planet Earth in its entirety

1818: James Joule, British physicist best known for his experiments with heat, was born

1995: Thousands of Palestinian Christians met to celebrate Christmas in Bethlehem’s Manger Square for the first time in 28 years

2003: Italian food-manufacturing giant Parmalat filed for bankruptcy protection

2009: The U.S. Senate passed a historic \$871bn health care reform bill, a victory for President Obama