



Today in History

February 18, 1954

▲ U.S. actor John Travolta, star of the 1970s hit musicals *Saturday Night Fever* and *Grease*, and later Quentin Tarantino's 1994 movie *Pulp Fiction*, was born

1930: Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto

1994: Phoolan Devi, India's "Bandit Queen", was released from jail after serving 11 years. She then went into politics but was shot dead in 2001

2001: Stock-car racing driver Dale Earnhardt was killed in a last-lap crash at the Daytona 500 race in Florida

2010: U.S. President Barack Obama met with the Dalai Lama despite opposition from China