



## Today in History

*March 23, 2006*

▲ **A tortoise brought to India by the British in the 18th century died in a Calcutta zoo, aged about 255. The tortoise had been on show at the zoo since it opened in 1875**

**1839:** The earliest use of the term “OK” (oll korrekt) appeared in the Boston Morning Post

**1933:** The German parliament granted dictatorial powers to Adolf Hitler, leader of the Nazi Party

**1983:** President Ronald Reagan proposed that the U.S. should adopt the “Star Wars” defence system

**2001:** Russian ground controllers successfully ditched the 15-year-old Mir space station in the Pacific Ocean