



Today in History

March 24, 1989

▲ The Exxon Valdez oil tanker ran aground in Alaska, spilling some 64 million litres, or 11 million gallons, of oil into the pristine waters of Prince William Sound

1874: U.S. escapologist Harry Houdini was born in Budapest, Hungary

1944: 76 Allied prisoners broke out of a World War II POW camp via a network of tunnels. All but three were recaptured and 50 executed

1988: Mordechai Vanunu was found guilty of treason in an Israeli court for revealing the nuclear secrets

1999: A fire in the Mont Blanc tunnel in the Alps claimed 39 lives and took two days to extinguish