



Today in History

May 25, 2004

▲ Chewing gum went on sale in Singapore after being banned for 12 years, but it was sold only in pharmacies as it was defined as a controlled substance

1644: Ming general Wu Sangui opened the gates of the Great Wall of China to let Qing forces into China proper, hastening the fall of the Ming dynasty

1809: A revolt in Chuquisaca against the Spanish Empire began the South American Wars of Independence

1994: Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia after 20 years in exile in the West

2009: North Korea conducted a second nuclear weapons test