



Today in History

February 17, 1405

▲ **Turkmen Mongol conqueror Tamerlane, who established an empire extending from India to the Mediterranean, died while on an expedition against China**

1740: Swiss scientist Horace Benedict de Saussure, who coined the word “geology”, was born

1880: Tsar Alexander II of Russia survived an assassination attempt when a bomb exploded at the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg

1883: The Vacant-Engaged toilet-door sign was patented in England

1996: World chess champion Garry Kasparov beat the Deep Blue computer to win their series 4-2