

A photograph of Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor, waving her right hand. She has short, wavy brown hair and is wearing a dark jacket. The background is a blurred mix of grey and yellow.

Today in History

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▲ **Angela Merkel formally became Germany's first female Chancellor. She is now the longest-serving incumbent head of government in the European Union**

1955: Singer Elvis Presley signed for the RCA Corporation

1975: King Juan Carlos was sworn in as Spain's first monarch for 44 years

1980: Mae West, movie star and sex symbol of the 1930s, died. Her sayings such as "come up and see me sometime" won her international fame

2002: A scientific study suggested that all dogs are descended from a population of wolves living in East Asia 15,000-40,000 years ago