



Today in History

February 1, 1979

▲ **Ayatollah Khomeini, spiritual leader of the Iranian Revolution, returned to Tehran after more than 14 years in exile spent mostly in the holy Shia city of Najaf, in Iraq**

1944: DNA was accidentally identified as the hereditary agent in a virus by scientists monitoring pneumonia

1972: Hewlett-Packard introduced the first scientific hand-held calculator, named the HP-35

2003: Seven astronauts died when the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated as it re-entered Earth's atmosphere

2006: Ben Bernanke was sworn in as chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve, replacing Alan Greenspan