

# GN33880 On This Day in History Week06 - February 7-13



## Today in History

February 7, 1984

- ▲ Astronaut Bruce McCandless made the first untethered walk in space. Using only a jet-powered backpack he was able to venture 320 feet from the space shuttle
- 1301: King Edward I of England revived the title of Prince of Wales and bestowed it on his son, later Edward II
- 1886: George Walker found gold in South Africa
- 1989: It rained in Australia for the first time from the coast
- 2015: Paul Oakenfold's 'When Will You Love Me' reached \$300m, the highest paid for any

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## Today in History

February 8, 1931

- ▲ James Dean, actor and cult hero who personified teenage rebellion in films such as East of Eden and Rebel Without a Cause, was born as James Byron
- 1974: The crew of the final Skylab mission returned to Earth after 84 days on America's first manned space station
- 1981: The first U.S. satellite launched



## Today in History

February 9, 1969

- ▲ The Boeing 747, the first wide-body commercial airliner, made its maiden flight. The "Jumbo Jet" held the passenger capacity record for 37 years
- 1981: Bill Haley, the U.S. singer credited with popularising rock and roll in the 1950s, died
- 1989: The U.S. and the U.S.S.R. signed a 47-month cooperative



## Today in History

February 10, 1962

- ▲ Gary Powers, U.S. pilot of a U-2 spyplane shot down over the Soviet Union and imprisoned in 1960, was exchanged for KGB agent Rudolf Abel in Berlin
- 1931: The city of New Delhi became the capital of India
- 1949: Arthur Miller's play Death of a Salesman, the story of an ageing salesman, opened



## Today in History

February 11, 2001

- ▲ Scientists published the first complete map of the human genome. It found that humans are made up of around 30,000 genes, far fewer than originally thought
- 1986: The Soviet Union released Jewish dissident Anatoly Shcharansky after nine years in jail for allegedly spying for the Americans
- 1990: Nelson Mandela was released after 27 years in jail in South Africa
- 1997: Archaeologists in Chile said they had discovered evidence of human presence dating back 12,500 years
- 2011: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak bowed to pressure and stepped down

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## Today in History

February 12, 1986

- ▲ British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and French President François Mitterrand signed a treaty to construct an undersea tunnel between their two nations
- 1831: J.W. Goodrich of Boston, Massachusetts, invented rubber galoshes, an over-shoe to protect shoes from getting muddy or wet
- 1851: A discovery at Summerhill Creek in New South Wales triggered a gold rush in Australia
- 1912: China became a republic with the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty
- 1948: The ashes of Indian spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi were scattered on the River Ganges

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## Today in History

February 13, 1941

- ▲ Penicillin, discovered in 1928 by Alexander Fleming, was first used on a human patient, an Oxford policeman whose scratches from a rose bush had turned septic
- 1917: Dutch-born exotic dancer Mata Hari was arrested as a German spy
- 1974: Author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was stripped of Soviet citizenship and deported after the publication of The Gulag Archipelago
- 2001: A computer virus named after tennis star Anna Kournikova infected email servers worldwide
- 2011: Thousands of Italian women protested against premier Silvio Berlusconi's recent sex scandals

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