

GN33912 OTD Week09 - February 28-March 5



Today in History

February 28, 1986

▲ Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme was shot dead as he walked home with his wife from a cinema in Stockholm. The crime remains unsolved

1525: Former Aztec ruler Cuauhtemoc was executed by Spanish Conquistador Hernan Cortes

1953: James Watson and Francis Crick discovered the structure of DNA

1993: The Soviet Union collapsed after four decades

1999: German reunification ended global war to begin in 1945 days earlier

Picture: Newscom



Today in History

February 29, 2012

▲ Davy Jones (third left), lead singer with The Monkees, died aged 66. In the band's heyday in 1967 they outsold The Beatles and The Rolling Stones combined

1908: Helium was liquefied for the first time by Dutch physicist Heike Kamerlingh Onnes

1916: The minimum age for factory work was set at 14

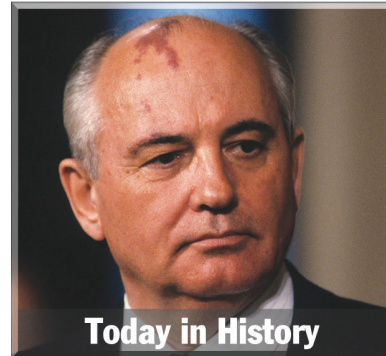


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March 1, 1498

▲ Vasco da Gama discovered what is now Mozambique during his voyage to India, a voyage that paved the way for Portugal to establish a colonial empire in Asia

1966: The Soviet space probe Venera 3 crash-landed on Venus, becoming the first manmade object to impact the surface of another planet



Today in History

March 2, 1931

▲ Former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, whose reforming policies of glasnost and perestroika contributed to the end of the Cold War, was born

1836: Texas declared independence from Mexico

1933: The movie King Kong had its world premiere, featuring special effects

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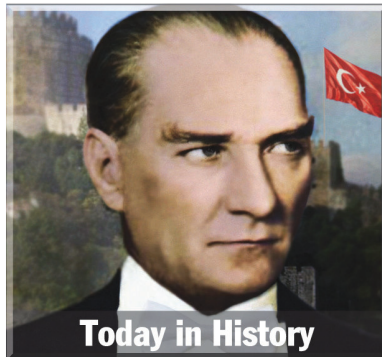
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Today in History

March 3, 1924

▲ Turkey's first president, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, pursued his programme of modernisation by abolishing the 1,300-year-old Ottoman Caliphate

1802: Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata was published

1861: Alexander II of Russia freed more than 23 million serfs, giving them the full rights of free citizens

1931: The Star-Spangled Banner, written by Francis Scott Key, was adopted as the national anthem of the United States of America

1933: The likelihood of a scientific link between sunburn and cancer was first made public in Australia

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Today in History

March 4, 1877

▲ Tchaikovsky's ballet Swan Lake, about a princess turned into a swan by an evil magician's curse, was first performed at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow

1801: Thomas Jefferson became the first U.S. president to be inaugurated in the new capital of Washington

1966: John Lennon caused outrage by claiming The Beatles were more popular than Jesus

1991: The Soviet parliament ratified a treaty setting the legal seal on the unification of Germany

1991: Kuwait's Crown Prince was the first member of the ruling family to return after the liberation from Iraq

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Today in History

March 5, 1946

▲ In a speech in the U.S., Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime leader, coined the term "iron curtain" to describe Soviet influence over post-World War II Europe

1970: The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty came into force

1991: The last U.S. Cruise missile left Britain's Greenham Common air base, site of a long-term women's peace campaign

2006: Tens of thousands of protesters in Thailand demanded the resignation of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra

2013: Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez died at age 58 following a two-year battle with cancer

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