



Today in History

April 9, 1926

▲ **Hugh Hefner, founder of Playboy magazine, was born. In 2015 it stopped publishing nude images as the internet means they are no longer commercially viable**

1981: The longest-ever scientific word, containing 207,000 letters, was published in Nature magazine

1991: Georgia became the second republic to declare independence from the Soviet Union

2003: Iraqis and Americans celebrated the fall of Saddam Hussein by toppling a statue of the president in Baghdad

2010: Russian physicists created a new super-heavy element, 117, filling a gap in chemistry's periodic table