



Today in History

October 7, 1571

▲ Allied forces from Spain, Venice and Genoa defeated the Ottoman fleet at the Battle of Lepanto off southwest Greece, the last battle between oar-driven ships

1806: Carbon paper was patented in London by inventor Ralph Wedgwood

1952: The now ubiquitous barcode was patented by Joseph Woodland and Bernard Silver. The first version resembled a bullseye made up of concentric circles

1959: The Soviet Lunik III relayed the first pictures of the far side of the moon

2006: Anna Politkovskaya, Russian journalist fiercely critical of the wars in Chechnya, was shot dead