

A portrait of Stephen Hawking, wearing glasses and a dark jacket, is positioned in the upper left. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. In front of him is a dark computer monitor with the Intel logo visible on its bezel. The background is a deep blue space filled with numerous bright, out-of-focus stars and nebulae. The entire image is framed by a thin grey border.

Today in History

January 8, 1942

▲ **Stephen Hawking, who despite his debilitating motor neurone disease is one of the world's leading physicists, and author of *A Brief History of Time*, was born**

1982: Spain agreed to end its blockade of Gibraltar

1995: Argentina's greatest boxing champion, Carlos Monzon, was killed in a car accident

2007: Astronomers reported finding the first triple quasar. Quasars are powerful sources of energy thought to be powered by supermassive black holes

2016: Maria Teresa de Filippis, Italian racing driver and the first woman to race in Formula 1, died aged 89