

A photograph of Prince performing on stage. He is wearing a shiny purple jacket with a white ruffled collar and a rainbow-colored tie. He has his signature wild, curly black hair and is singing into a microphone. His right hand is raised, holding a white flower. A guitar is visible behind him.

Today in History

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▲ Pop superstar Prince died at 57 after an accidental drug overdose. Record sales of hits like *Purple Rain* and *Sign o' the Times* topped 100 million over his career

753BC: According to legend, Romulus founded the city of Rome

1967: A military coup in Athens, Greece, established the regime of the “Colonels”

1997: The ashes of 24 people including *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry blasted off in the first “space funeral”

2010: The lease allowing Russia's Black Sea Fleet to be stationed in Ukraine was extended by 25 years in return for cheaper gas