



Today in History

May 8, 1912

▲ **Paramount Pictures, the last major film studio still based in Hollywood, was founded by Adolph Zukor, Hungarian-born owner of a New York nickelodeon**

1794: French chemist Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier, the first person to identify oxygen, was guillotined in Paris

1977: Pieter Menten, Dutch art dealer and Nazi collaborator accused of murdering Polish Jews in World War II, went on trial in Amsterdam

1982: Canadian driver Gilles Villeneuve was killed at the Belgian Grand Prix

2008: The leaders of Japan and China played table tennis – literally engaging in ping-pong diplomacy