



Today in History

December 29, 2011

▲ The Pacific nation of Samoa moved from east to west of the International Date Line to align its time zone with key trading partners in Australasia

1859: The first iron-hulled armoured warship, Britain's HMS Warrior, was launched

1952: The first transistor hearing aid was marketed in the United States. It weighed only 3.5oz

1972: American weekly picture magazine Life was published for the last time after 36 years

1989: Playwright Vaclav Havel was elected Czechoslovakia's first non-Communist president in 41 years