



Today in History

January 20, 1981

▲ Iran freed all 52 hostages held captive in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran for 444 days, timing their release for the same day that U.S. President Jimmy Carter left office

1320: Wladyslaw the Elbow-high, so nicknamed because of his short stature, was crowned king of Poland

1903: The musical hit *The Wizard of Oz* opened on Broadway at the brand new Majestic Theatre

2008: Israel blocked fuel to the Gaza City power plant, causing a citywide blackout

2010: A French court ruled that an Orthodox church built in Nice by Tsar Nicholas II, belonged to Russia