

A young man in a green hoodie and a young woman with curly hair and glasses are kissing in a public square. In the background, there is a large white statue on a pedestal and a building with many windows.

Today in History

March 9, 1562

▲ **Kissing in public was banned in Naples on penalty of death. The ban was less about morality than an attempt to curtail the spread of disease during a plague epidemic**

1965: U.S. President Lyndon Johnson authorized the use in napalm, which causes severe burns, in Vietnam

2003: Thousands of Ukrainian protesters called for the resignation of President Leonid Kuchma

2011: King Mohammed of Morocco pledged to introduce comprehensive constitutional reforms

2015: Apple unveiled its hotly anticipated smartwatch, with prices ranging from \$349 up to \$10,000