



# Today in History

*March 29, 2017*

▲ **The United Kingdom invoked Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty on European Union, beginning the formal process of Brexit. Britain is due to leave in March 2019**

**1974:** NASA's Mariner 10 became the first spacecraft to reach the planet Mercury

**2003:** The Liverpool house where musician John Lennon spent his childhood opened to the public

**2004:** Ireland became the world's first country to impose a nationwide ban on smoking in public places

**2008:** President Robert Mugabe hung on to power despite apparently losing Zimbabwe's election