

A portrait of actress Jeanne Moreau. She has long, wavy brown hair and is wearing a red turtleneck sweater with a gold necklace. The background is a teal color with vertical white stripes.

## Today in History

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▲ **Actress Jeanne Moreau, one of the biggest stars of French “new wave” cinema, died at age 89. She was also an accomplished director and screenwriter**

**1498:** Christopher Columbus discovered the island of Trinidad

**1954:** An Italian expedition first scaled K2, the second highest peak in the Himalayas and arguably the world’s most dangerous mountain

**2008:** NASA announced it had discovered water on Mars

**2012:** U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps won a 19th Olympic medal to become the most prolific medallist in Olympic history