



Today in History

August 12, 1883

▲ The last quagga, distinguished from other zebras by its pattern of brown and white stripes on the front of the body and plain brown rear, died at a zoo in Amsterdam

1898: Spain relinquished Cuba and ceded Puerto Rico to the U.S. at the end of the Spanish-American War

1996: Iran and Turkey struck a huge gas deal a week after the U.S. started to block investment in Iran

2008: Russia ordered an end to fighting in South Ossetia after a five-day conflict that killed 2,500 people

2008: Mark Chapman was denied parole for a fifth time for the murder of ex-Beatle John Lennon in 1980