



Today in History

September 7, 1813

▲ A New York newspaper, referring to the initials U.S. on barrels of beef for the U.S. Army, coined the nickname “Uncle Sam” for the United States

1978: Bulgarian defector Georgi Markov was murdered in London with a poison pellet fired via an umbrella

1986: Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town, became the first black head of South Africa’s Anglicans

2008: U.S. mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were placed under government control as the subprime crisis deepened

2017: Mexico was hit by the most powerful earthquake in a century