



Today in History

December 9, 1998

▲ The oldest complete skeleton of a human ancestor yet identified, estimated to be around 3.6 million years old, was found in a cave in South Africa

1886: Clarence Birdseye, inventor of a process to deep-freeze foods learnt from indigenous Alaskans, was born

1978: Two U.S. Pioneer spacecraft transmitted the best ever pictures of the planet Venus back to Earth

1979: The WHO certified that the smallpox virus had been eradicated

2016: South Korea's President Park Geun-hye was removed from office following a political scandal involving a close aide