

A close-up portrait of Billy Graham Jr., an elderly man with white hair, looking slightly to the left with a serious expression. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt.

Today in History

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▲ U.S. evangelist Billy Graham Jr., influential preacher who was the first to use the medium of TV to convey the Christian message to worshippers, died at age 99

1994: In Britain the age of consent for homosexuals was lowered from 21 to 18

1995: Steve Fossett landed in Canada after making the first solo flight across the Pacific in a balloon

1996: The addictive effect of cigarettes was reported to be due to increased dopamine in the brain

2014: Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich fled Kiev after giving in to opposition demands as violent riots gripped the city