



Today in History

March 9, 1959

▲ **Barbie, the world's best selling doll, made her debut. She was created by Mattel co-founder Ruth Handler, who named the doll after her daughter Barbara**

1074: All married Roman Catholic priests were excommunicated by Pope Gregory VII

2004: A U.S. report warned that obesity could soon be the country's leading cause of preventable deaths

2009: U.S. President Barack Obama lifted restrictions on federal funding of embryonic stem cell research

2015: Apple unveiled its hotly anticipated smartwatch, with prices ranging from \$349 up to \$10,000