

A photograph of Stephen Hawking sitting in his wheelchair, wearing a brown jacket and glasses. He is looking slightly to the right. The background is dark.

Today in History

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▲ World renowned physicist Stephen Hawking died aged 76. He was the first to set out a theory of cosmology as a union of relativity and quantum mechanics

1489: Catherine Cornaro, Queen of Cyprus, sold her kingdom to Venice

1794: American inventor Eli Whitney was granted a patent for his revolutionary cotton gin

1986: The European space probe Giotto completed its mission by flying into the tail of Halley's comet

2007: The Sunda clouded leopard, found on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra, was classified as a separate species