



Today in History

May 17, 2004

▲ **Massachusetts became the first U.S. state to issue legal marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Thousands of couples obtained licenses within days**

1989: The Communist government of Czechoslovakia freed dissident playwright Vaclav Havel from prison

1990: The World Health Organization eliminated homosexuality from its list of psychiatric diseases

1994: A legbone from “Boxgrove Man”, found in southern England, proved to be 500,000 years old

2015: The Iraqi city of Ramadi fell to Islamic State fighters after government forces abandoned their positions