



Today in History

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▲ **Actor Patrick Swayze died from cancer at age 57. He leapt to fame in the hit 1987 film *Dirty Dancing* and scored another major success with the 1990 weepie, *Ghost***

1959: The Soviet Luna 2 crashed on to the moon, the first space probe to reach a celestial body

1974: Two giant pandas, Chia Chia and Ching Ching, arrived in London as a gift to Britain's Prime Minister

1999: The Pacific island countries of Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga joined the United Nations

2010: A bill banning the wearing of the Islamic full face veil in public was approved in France