

A photograph of Leonard Cohen, a Canadian singer, songwriter, and poet. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, a patterned tie, and a dark fedora hat. He is smiling and looking upwards, holding a microphone in his right hand and gesturing with his left hand. The background is dark.

Today in History

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▲ **Leonard Cohen, Canadian singer, songwriter and poet whose best known songs included Hallelujah, Suzanne, and Bird on a Wire, died at age 82**

1872: The brigantine Marie Celeste sailed from New York only to be found abandoned the following month

1874: An elephant was first used as a symbol for the U.S. Republican Party in a Harper's Weekly cartoon

1989: East Germany's government resigned in the wake of unstoppable pro-democracy protests

2009: Scientists in New Zealand discovered dinosaur footprints thought to be 70 million years old