



Today in History

February 29, 1960

▲ **Hugh Hefner opened the first Playboy Club in Chicago, famous for its Playboy Bunny waitresses dressed in satin corsets, bunny ears and fluffy white tails**

1792: Italian composer Gioacchino Rossini, known for his operas William Tell and The Barber of Seville, was born

1880: The St Gotthard tunnel, linking Switzerland and Italy, was completed

1908: Helium was liquefied for the first time by Dutch physicist Heike Kamerlingh Onnes

2004: Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, the last in the trilogy based on J.R.R. Tolkien's books, won 11 Oscars