



Today in History

March 3, 1931

▲ **The Star-Spangled Banner was adopted as the U.S. national anthem. Francis Scott Key wrote it after seeing a fort under attack by British troops in the War of 1812**

1938: A New Zealand mining engineer discovered oil in Saudi Arabia

1996: Britain offered all permanent residents of Hong Kong visa-free entry after the handover to China

1999: The U.S. threatened import duties on EU goods if the EU continued to favour West Indian bananas over American ones

2005: Steve Fossett completed the first solo nonstop flight round the world in his Global Flyer aircraft