



## Today in History

*August 5, 1962*

▲ **Movie star Marilyn Monroe was found dead in the bedroom of her Los Angeles home at age 36. Her death was caused by an overdose of sleeping pills**

**1966:** Construction of the twin towers of the World Trade Centre, later destroyed in the 9/11 attacks of 2001, began

**2002:** President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan called for a referendum on independence, angering China

**2004:** Swarms of locusts invaded the Mauritanian capital, Nouakchott, after devouring crops in rural areas

**2012:** A rover spacecraft, Curiosity, landed on Mars to search for evidence that conditions were once fit for life