



Today in History

March 2, 1983

▲ **Compact discs (CDs) and players, developed by Philips and Sony for digital audio recordings, were made available for the first time outside Japan**

1933: The movie King Kong had its world premiere, with special effects showing the ape atop the Empire State Building

2003: Jacques Chirac made the first state visit by a French president to Algeria since its independence in 1962

2003: The Swiss yacht Alinghi defeated Team New Zealand to win the prestigious America's Cup

2008: Dmitry Medvedev, Vladimir Putin's chosen successor, was elected president of Russia