

A photograph of Nelson Mandela and Graca Machel. Nelson Mandela is on the left, wearing a traditional orange and black patterned South African garment. Graca Machel is on the right, wearing a red dress and a green and pink striped shawl. They are both smiling. A man in a suit is partially visible in the background.

Today in History

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▲ **South African president Nelson Mandela celebrated his 80th birthday by marrying Graca Machel, widow of Mozambique's former president Samora Machel**

1872: Britain introduced the concept of voting by secret ballot

1955: Disneyland, the world's first theme park, opened to the public in California

1968: The Intel Corporation, inventor of the microchip – semiconductor computer circuits, was incorporated in the United States

1976: Nadia Comaneci of Romania became the first gymnast in Olympic history to score a “perfect 10”