

A close-up portrait of Olivia Newton-John, smiling and looking slightly to the right. She has voluminous, curly blonde hair and is wearing large hoop earrings. The background is a solid teal color.

Today in History

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▲ **Olivia Newton-John, singer and actress who found enduring fame for her role in the film musical Grease, died aged 73 after a long battle with cancer**

1786: The first ascent was made of Mont Blanc, a climb that traditionally marks the start of modern mountaineering

1883: Mexican revolutionary leader Emiliano Zapata was born. He helped overthrow dictator Porfirio Diaz in 1913

1963: Britain's "Great Train Robbers" stole £2.6 million from the Glasgow to London mail train

1994: The first border crossing was opened between Jordan and Israel, ending 46 years of hostilities