



Today in History

November 24, 1963

▲ Nightclub owner Jack Ruby shot dead President Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, in the underground garage of Dallas Police headquarters

1639: The Transit of Venus across the Sun was first observed

1859: Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" was published. His controversial theory of evolution upset many people who feared it undermined religious beliefs

1874: An improved type of barbed wire was patented, enabling ranchers to prevent their herds from roaming

1995: Ireland voted in a referendum to end a 70-year-old ban on divorce