

A close-up portrait of Nelson Mandela, an elderly man with short, graying hair, smiling warmly. He is wearing a dark, patterned shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

# Today in History

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▲ **Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first black president, died at age 95. An anti-apartheid icon, he led the transition from white-minority rule to democracy in 1994**

**1901:** Pioneering animator Walt Disney was born in Chicago

**1933:** The U.S. celebrated the end of 14 long years of alcohol prohibition

**1945:** Five U.S. Navy Avenger aircraft went missing over the area of the Atlantic known as the Bermuda Triangle. A sixth plane sent to search for them was also lost

**1998:** Cambodia's last Khmer Rouge troops surrendered, ending a brutal era that saw millions murdered