



## Today in History

*December 21, 1998*

▲ **Desperate parents paid out hugely inflated sums of money to get their hands on a Furby, an interactive, electronic pet topping children's Christmas wishlists**

**1913:** The first crossword puzzle was published in the weekend edition of the New York World

**1968:** Apollo 8 was launched on the first manned flight around the moon

**1973:** The first peace conference between Israel and her Arab neighbours Jordan and Egypt, opened in Geneva

**1993:** Russian president Boris Yeltsin abolished the former KGB security police