

# GN45305 On this day in history Week05 Jan 28-Feb 3



## Today in History

January 28, 814

▲ Charlemagne, King of the Franks and the first Holy Roman Emperor, died. He united most of western and central Europe for the first time since the Roman Empire

1944: General de Gaulle made his landmark appeal for a new relationship between France and black Africa

1958: Danish company Lego patented the versatile still popular

1986: The Challenger exploded 72 seconds after all seven astronauts

1999: The Ford announced the Volvo car design

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## Today in History

January 29, 1954

▲ Oprah Winfrey, U.S. actress and TV host, was born. Her hugely successful talk show reputedly made her the best-paid individual on U.S. television

1949: Britain officially recognised the State of Israel, established by Israel's declaration of independence in 1948

1957: Danish architect Jørn Utzon



## Today in History

January 30, 1649

▲ England became a republic when King Charles I was beheaded for treason during the English Civil War. The monarchy was restored in 1660

1933: Adolf Hitler was appointed Chancellor of Germany, paving the way for the Nazis to assume full power

1934: A Soviet hydrogen-filled



## Today in History

January 31, 1999

▲ Scientists confirmed a long-held suspicion that the HIV virus, which causes Aids, originated in a subspecies of chimpanzee found in central Africa

1876: The U.S. government ordered all remaining Native Americans to move to reservations, or be arrested

1928: Marxist revolutionary Leon

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## Today in History

February 1, 2014

▲ The Mumbai Monorail, India's first monorail since independence, was officially inaugurated. Around 20,000 people queued to use it on its first day of operation

1944: DNA was accidentally identified as the hereditary agent in a virus by scientists monitoring pneumonia

1949: The RCA record company released the first 45 rpm single

1999: Monica Lewinsky was formally questioned during the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton

2023: A tiny radioactive capsule that fell from a truck along a 1,400km stretch of highway in Western Australia was recovered

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## Today in History

February 2, 2008

▲ French President Nicolas Sarkozy married Italian-born singer and former supermodel Carla Bruni, three months after their first meeting

1536: Buenos Aires was founded by Spanish explorer Pedro de Mendoza

1914: Charlie Chaplin, one of the greatest stars of the silent movie era, made his film debut

2004: The Hubble telescope detected oxygen and carbon in the atmosphere of a distant gas-giant planet, Osiris

2019: The U.S. suspended the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, citing Russian non-compliance

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## Today in History

February 3, 2004

▲ The first passenger train from Darwin to Adelaide completed its inaugural three-day trip, realising a century-old dream to link the north and south of Australia

1924: Woodrow Wilson, former U.S. president who championed founding the League of Nations after WWI, died

1944: Orson Welles starred as the movie of Jane Eyre opened, with Elizabeth Taylor in an uncredited role

1994: Five Americans and a Russian blasted off on the space shuttle on the first joint U.S.-Russian space mission

1994: President Bill Clinton eased relations with Vietnam by lifting the U.S. economic embargo

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