



# 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

**1929:** Marxist revolutionary Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Soviet Union after losing a power struggle

**1971:** A limited telephone service linked East and West Berlin for the first time since 1952

**2012:** Japan imposed a 40-year cap on the life of nuclear reactors after the Fukushima Daiichi disaster