

A photograph of Burt Bacharach, an older man with white hair, smiling and looking towards the camera. He is wearing a dark blue jacket over a light blue shirt. He is seated at a white grand piano, with a microphone on a stand visible in the background.

Today in History

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▲ **Burt Bacharach, one of the most influential figures of 20th-century pop music, died at age 94. His enduring hits include Walk On By, and I Say A Little Prayer**

1924: The U.S. used the gas chamber for the first time as a form of execution, using hydrogen cyanide

1937: General Franco captured Malaga during the Spanish Civil War

1971: The NASDAQ stock market index began operations as the world's first electronic stock market

1974: The crew of the final Skylab mission returned to Earth after 84 days on America's first manned space station