

# GN45404 On this day in history Week08 Feb 18-24



## Today in History

February 18, 1954

▲ John Travolta, star of Pulp Fiction, Saturday Night Fever, and Grease (pictured above, with co-star Olivia Newton John), was born. He turns 70 today

1930: Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto, now reclassified as a "dwarf planet"

1967: American physicist Robert Oppenheimer, who designed the atomic bomb, died

2006: The rat was taken over the world's largest Palestinian Authority

2010: Wikileaks released documents from the U.S. military, including airstrikes in Pakistan

Picture: Newscom



## Today in History

February 19, 1878

▲ Thomas Edison patented the phonograph, in which a large horn transmitted vibrations to a needle that scribed a recording on to a cylinder rotated by hand

1942: All Japanese-Americans were forced into internment camps in the wake of the attack on Pearl Harbour

1970: The Beatles released their album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band



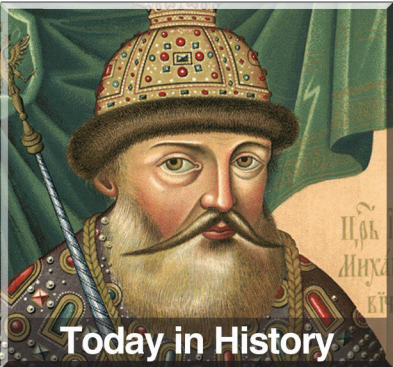
## Today in History

February 20, 2023

▲ U.S. President Joe Biden visited Ukraine in a show of support for President Volodymyr Zelenskyy ahead of the first anniversary of Russia's invasion

1864: In the American Civil War, 5,000 Confederate troops beat 6,000 Federal forces at the Battle of Ocean Pond

1955: The Soviet Union launched the first satellite television station



## Today in History

February 21, 1613

▲ Mikhail Romanov was elected Tsar of Russia, marking the start of the dynasty's 300-year rule that ended with the execution of Tsar Nicholas II in 1918

1848: The Communist Manifesto, an analysis of the class struggle and the problems of capitalism by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, was published

▲ Richard Nixon was elected President of the United States, the first President for a second term from 21 to 18

Picture: AP



## Today in History

February 22, 1630

▲ English colonists in America first tasted popcorn, kernels of corn that "pop" when heated over a flame, and known to Native Americans for over 1,000 years

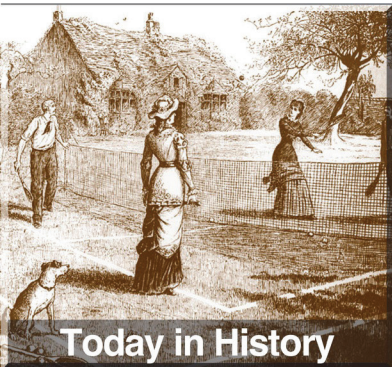
1879: Frank Winfield Woolworth opened his first store in New York, pioneering sales practices still used today

1994: Aldrich Ames, former head of CIA Soviet counter-intelligence, was arrested as a spy for Russia

1994: Finding cigarette smoke in foetal hair proved that unborn babies can be affected by passive smoking

1997: The first clone of an adult mammal, a sheep called Dolly, was created in Scotland

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February 23, 1874

▲ Major Walter Winfield patented an outdoor game he called "sphairistike", Greek for "playing ball", but which soon became known as lawn tennis

1744: Meyer Amschel Rothschild, German founder of the banking dynasty, was born in a Jewish ghetto

1944: Soviet dictator Josef Stalin forcibly deported one million Chechens from their homeland

1999: The Levi Strauss company closed half its U.S. factories due to falling demand for traditional jeans

2004: The WHO launched a major immunisation campaign to stem a polio outbreak in sub-Saharan Africa

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## Today in History

February 24, 2022

▲ Russia's President Vladimir Putin launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine by land, air and sea in the biggest such attack in Europe since World War II

1304: Celebrated Arab traveller Ibn Battuta, who visited most countries in the known Islamic world as well as many non-Muslim lands, was born

1966: President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana was ousted in an army coup

1980: The shekel replaced the Israeli pound, reviving the name of the ancient Biblical currency

1991: The ground campaign of the Gulf War began with night attacks by U.S. and allied forces

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