

GN45465 On this day in history Week9 Feb 25-Mar 2



Today in History

February 25, 1964

▲ Muhammad Ali, then known as Cassius Clay, won the world heavyweight boxing title for the first time after he knocked out Sonny Liston in Miami

1954: Gamal Abdel Nasser became prime minister of Egypt

1964: Kim Il-sung of North Korea called for all cooperative farms to become state farms

1994: The U.S. diplomat Alexander Haig identified as a military officer in World War II

2014: The late Mt. Gox, another bankruptcy

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Today in History

February 26, 1919

▲ The Grand Canyon National Park was established in Arizona. The horizontal strata, carved out by the Colorado River, retrace two billion years of geological history

1839: Britain's Grand National, arguably the world's most famous horse race, was run for the first time

1994: The first U.S. Ambassador to the



Today in History

February 27, 1974

▲ Sweden reduced the status of the monarch to a figurehead. King Carl XVI Gustaf is pictured with Queen Silvia and Crown Princess Victoria on Sweden's National Day

1999: Eritrea accepted a UN peace plan to resolve the conflict with Ethiopia over a contested border

2014: Japan's government with plans



Today in History

February 28, 1824

▲ French tightrope walker Jean-Francois Gravelet, who made several crossings of the Niagara Falls under his better known pseudonym Blondin, was born

1574: Two Englishmen and an Irishman were burnt at the stake in Mexico City, victims of the Spanish Inquisition

1784: John Walker performed the "deed of



Today in History

February 29, 1960

▲ Hugh Hefner opened the first Playboy Club in Chicago, famous for its Playboy Bunny waitresses dressed in satin corsets, bunny ears and fluffy white tails

1880: The St Gotthard tunnel, 15-kilometre-long railway linking Switzerland and Italy, was completed

1908: Helium was liquefied for the first time by Dutch physicist Heike Kamerlingh Onnes

1940: Norway, Sweden and Denmark protested to Germany over the sinking of neutral shipping by U-boats

1984: Canadian prime minister Pierre Trudeau resigned after an almost uninterrupted 15 years in power

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Today in History

March 1, 1944

▲ Roger Daltrey, founder and lead singer of rock band The Who, was born. His acting roles notably include the film of the band's rock opera, Tommy. He turns 80 today

1974: Former White House officials were indicted for obstructing the Watergate scandal investigation

1994: Israel released about 500 Arab prisoners to placate Palestinian outrage over the Hebron massacre

1999: Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones took off in Breitling Orbiter 3 on what would become the first successful flight around the world in a balloon

2014: Russia dispatched troops to the Ukrainian region of Crimea

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Today in History

March 2, 1983

▲ Compact discs (CDs) and players, developed by Philips and Sony for digital audio recordings, were made available for the first time outside Japan

1949: The first non-stop flight round the world was completed in a Boeing B-50A Superfortress, refuelled in mid air

1969: Concorde made its maiden flight from Toulouse

2004: Europe's Rosetta spacecraft was launched on a 10-year mission to land a probe on the surface of a comet

2017: The superheavy elements Moscovium, Tennessine and Oganesson were added to the periodic table

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