



Today in History

March 6, 1899

▲ The German pharmaceutical company Bayer patented the headache relief drug Aspirin, synthesized two years earlier by chemist Felix Hoffmann

1853: Verdi's opera La Traviata, about a doomed love affair between a consumptive courtesan and a young gentleman, was first staged

1957: Ghana became the first sub-Saharan country in Africa to gain its independence

1992: The Michelangelo virus struck thousands of computers worldwide

2004: Twelve Russian scientists were rescued after the ice shelf under their Arctic research station broke up