

Wednesday, March 1

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1999:** The Anglo-Swiss team of Brian Jones and Bertrand Piccard took off from Switzerland in *Breitling Orbiter 3* on what would become the first successful circumnavigation of the world in a balloon

1498: Vasco de Gama landed at what is now Mozambique, en route to India

1946: The Bank of England passed into public ownership

1992: King Fahd of Saudi Arabia unveiled major political reforms after 10 years of authoritarian rule

2005: The U.S. Supreme Court ended juvenile executions, ruling them unconstitutional