ON THIS DAY

▲ **1931:** Leonard Nimoy *(right)*, who played the enigmatic, pointed-eared Mr Spock in *Star Trek*, was born. His co-star William Shatner *(left)*, also marked his 75th birthday this month

1828: Austrian composer Franz Schubert gave his only public concert

1953: Dr Jonas Salk reported that tests of his polio vaccine had been successful

1998: Bill Clinton became the first U.S. president to visit South Africa

2005: Half a million people marched through the streets of Taipei, Taiwan, to express anger and fear over China's new anti-secession law

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