

Wednesday, August 23

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1912:** Legendary dancer and actor Gene Kelly, star of *Singin' in the Rain*, was born

1864: Eleutherios Venizelos, five-time prime minister of Greece, was born

1921: Feisal I was installed as King of Iraq

1961: *Ranger I*, the first in a series of successful U.S. lunar probes, was launched from Cape Canaveral

1982: Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel was elected president of Lebanon

2005: The evacuation of over 8,000 Israeli settlers from all 21 settlements in the Gaza Strip was completed
