

This day in history: March 25

- 1634** The colony of Maryland is founded by Catholic and Protestant settlers sent by Lord Baltimore.
- 1865** Robert E. Lee orders his last attack of the Civil War against Fort Steadman, near Petersburg, VA.
- 1911** A fire kills 146 garment workers at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company factory in New York City leading the public to call for safety reforms.
- 1965** Civil rights activists led by Martin Luther King Jr. end their historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, at the steps of the state capitol.

This day in history: March 26

- 1885** The Eastman Dry Plate and Film Company of Rochester, NY, begins commercial production of flexible photographic film.
- 1953** Dr. Jonas Salk announces that he has successfully tested a vaccine against polio.
- 1979** At the White House, Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian president Anwar Sadat sign the Camp David peace treaty, brokered by President Carter, ending decades of hostilities between the two countries.
- 1982** Ground-breaking ceremonies are held for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

This day in history: March 27

- 1513** Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sights Florida.
- 1794** The government authorizes the creation of a permanent U.S. Navy and the construction of six frigates, including the USS *Constitution*.
- 1917** The Seattle Metropolitans defeat the Montreal Canadiens to become the first U.S. hockey team to win the Stanley Cup.
- 1939** Oregon defeats Ohio State 46-33 to win the first NCAA men's basketball tournament.

- 1964** The Good Friday Earthquake, the strongest known earthquake in American history, measuring 8.4 on the Richter scale, hits Alaska killing some 130 people.

This day in history: March 28

- 1776** Spanish explorer Juan B autista De Anza finds the site where the Presidio of San Francisco is later built.
- 1797** Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire patents and early washing machine.
- 1920** Some 380 people are killed by 38 storms in the Midwest and South, in the Palm Sunday tornado outbreak of 1920.
- 1979** American gets a scare when the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania malfunctions: thousands flee, but no one is injured.

This day in history: March 29

- 1790** John Taylor, the 10th U.S. president, is born in Charles City County, VA.
- 1848** An ice jam at the source of the Niagara River cause Niagara Falls to stop flowing for the first time in recorded history.
- 1927** Major Henry O'Neal de Hane Segrave becomes the first man to drive

- faster than 200 miles per hour, on a course at Daytona Beach, FL.
- 1951 Julius and Ethel Rosenberg are convicted of spying for the Soviet Union.
 - 1973 The last U.S. troops depart South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War (a defeat for our military).
 - 1974 *Mariner 10* becomes the first space probe to visit the planet Mercury and send back close-up images.
 - 1999 The Dow Jones industrial average closes above 10,000 for the first time.

This day in history: March 30

- 1842 Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Georgia, becomes the first U.S. physician to perform surgery using anesthesia induced by ether to kill pain.
- 1858 Hyman Lipman of Philadelphia patents a pencil with an attached eraser.
- 1867 Secretary of State William H. Seward signs an agreement to purchase Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million, about 2 cents an acre.
- 1891 Shoshone National Forest in Wyoming, the country's first national forest, is established.
- 1981 President Reagan is shot and seriously wounded by John W. Hinkley Jr. outside a Washington, D.C. hotel.

This day in history: March 31

- 1854 In Tokyo, Commodore Mathew Perry signs a treaty opening Japanese ports to American trade.
- 1880 Wabash, Indiana, becomes the first U.S. town with a totally electric streetlight system (four lights powered by a steam engine).
- 1898 Chicago inventor Whitcomb Judson patents a "hookless fastener" and early zipper.
- 1933 Congress establishes the Civilian Conservation Corps to help put men back to work during the Depression.
- 1970 *Explorer I*, the first U.S. satellite, reenters the atmosphere after twelve years in orbit..