

AP-(TODAY IN HISTORY)

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TODAY IS THURSDAY, JAN. 9, THE NINTH DAY OF 1986. THERE ARE 356 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

ON JAN. 9, 1793, WHAT'S GENERALLY REGARDED AS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL BALLOON FLIGHT IN THE UNITED STATES TOOK PLACE AS FRENCHMAN JEAN PIERRE BLANCHARD TRAVELED BETWEEN PHILADELPHIA AND WOODBURY, N. J.

ON THIS DATE:

IN 1788, CONNECTICUT BECAME THE FIFTH STATE TO RATIFY THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

IN 1861, MISSISSIPPI SECEDED FROM THE UNION.

IN 1942, THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WAS CREATED.

IN 1945, AMERICAN SOLDIERS LED BY GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR INVADED LUZON IN THE PHILIPPINES DURING WORLD WAR II.

IN 1964, ANTI-U.S. RIOTING BROKE OUT IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

IN 1968, SURVEYOR VII MADE A SOFT LANDING ON THE MOON, ENDING THE AMERICAN SERIES OF UNMANNED EXPLORATIONS OF THE LUNAR SURFACE.

IN 1972, RECLUSIVE BILLIONAIRE HOWARD HUGHES, SPEAKING BY TELEPHONE FROM THE BAHAMAS TO REPORTERS IN HOLLYWOOD, SAID A PURPORTED BIOGRAPHY OF HIM BY CLIFFORD IRVING WAS A FAKE.

TEN YEARS AGO: MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE WERE HURT WHEN A CHICAGO RAPID-TRANSIT TRAIN STRUCK THE REAR OF ANOTHER TRAIN AT THE ADDISON STREET STATION.

FIVE YEARS AGO: ALEXANDER M. HAIG, RONALD REAGAN'S NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE, TESTIFIED FOR SIX HOURS AT HIS SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING.

ONE YEAR AGO: PRESIDENT REAGAN TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT 1985 SHOULD BE "A YEAR OF DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATIONS" WITH THE SOVIET UNION. BUT HE SAID HE INTENDED TO PRESS AHEAD WITH RESEARCH FOR HIS SPACE-BASED STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: AUTHOR SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR IS 78. FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON IS 73. FOOTBALL HALL-OF-FAMER BART STARR IS 52. ACTOR BOB DENVER IS 51. FOLK SINGER JOAN BAEZ IS 45. ACTRESS SUSANNAH YORK IS 45. SINGER CRYSTAL GAYLE IS 35.