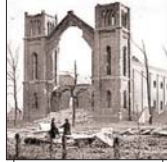


THE HISTORY OF Today



1956: Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers 2-0 in Game 5.



1871: The Great Chicago Fire erupted. The blaze destroyed four square miles of the city, killing about 250 people and leaving some 90,000 homeless.



1869: Franklin Pierce, the 14th president of the United States, died in Concord, N.H., at age 64.

October 8 is the 281st day of the year (282nd in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 84 days remaining until the end of the year.

1982: all labor organizations in Poland, including Solidarity, were banned

1918: Sgt. Alvin C. York almost single-handedly killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 in the Argonne Forest in France.

1934: Bruno Hauptmann was indicted for murder in the death of the infant son of Charles A. Lindbergh.

1944: "The Adventures of Ozzie

and Harriet" made its debut on CBS Radio.

1945: President Harry S. Truman announced that the secret of the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

1978: Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was named winner of the Nobel Prize for literature.

1985: The hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro killed American passenger Leon Klinghoffer and dumped his body and wheelchair overboard.

2001: Former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge was sworn in as director of the new Office of Homeland Security.



2004: Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart reported to prison to begin serving a sentence for lying about a stock sale.