It happened today

- 1937 ? Spam, the canned luncheon ?meat?, is unleashed on an unsuspecting world.
- 1946? The bikini goes on sale after debuting at a show in France.
- 1954? The BBC televises its first news bulletin.
- 1954 ? Elvis Presley records his first single, ?That's All Right? at Sun Studios in Memphis.
- 1975? Arthur Ashe becomes the first black man to win Wimbledon.
- 1996? Dolly the sheep becomes the first mammal to be cloned.

Born on this today

- 1810 ? P.T. Barnum, founder of Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus.
- 1943 ? Robbie Robertson, Canadian singer, songwriter best known for his time with The Band.
- 1950? Huey Lewis, singer and leader of the News.
- 1951 ? Goose Gossage, baseball player. Not the guy from Top Gun. That was a different Goose.
- 1958 ? Bill Watterson, creator of the wonderful Calvin and Hobbes comic strip. It is still missed.

Music on this day

- 1963? The Beatles play the Plaza Ballroom in Dudley, the West Midlands. Things would pick up for them.
- 1969? The Rolling Stones give a free concert to 225,000 people at Hyde Park as a tribute for bandmate Brian Jones, who had died two days earlier.
- 1986 ? Janet Jackson starts a two-week run at the top of the album charts with Control.
- 2003 ? Johnny Cash makes his final live performance at the Carter Ranch after his wife June had passed away. Cash himself would die less than three months later.
- 2009? Michael Jackson has eight albums in the Top 20 a week after his death.

This day in Hollywood

- 1929? Katherine Helmond, best known for the classic Soap and Who's the Boss, is born.
- 1950 ? Actress Bette Davis divorces artist William Grant Sherry after four years of marriage. It was a bumpy ride.
- 1980 ? Raquel Welch (remember her?) weds producer Andre Weinfeld.
- 1989? The Seinfeld Chronicles debuts on NBC. The name would soon be shortened.