On this day in history

October 31, 2026

1517
Martin Luther post 95 theses

1776
King George gives first parliamentary address after the Declaration of Independence

1837
Hundreds of Creek Indians die in Monmouth steamboat disaster

They were being relocated from their ancestral homelands.

1864
The U.S. Congress admits Nevada as the 36th state

1926
Celebrated magician Harry Houdini dies

1950
Earl Lloyd becomes first Black player to suit up in the NBA

1961
Stalin's body removed from Lenin's tomb

1963
Freak explosion at Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum kills 74

1963
Ed Sullivan witnesses Beatlemania firsthand, paving the way for the British Invasion

1984
Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi is assassinated

1993
Actor River Phoenix dies

1997
Violet Palmer becomes first woman to officiate an NBA game

2008
Satoshi Nakamoto publishes a paper introducing Bitcoin