

▲ 2007: Milan's Linate Airport was closed for three hours at dawn to allow wildlife experts to trap 80 hares which were confusing ground radar and other vital equipment

1882: Russian composer Igor Stravinsky, one of the leading musical figures of the 20th century, was born

1940: Marshal Henri-Philippe Petain announced that France had asked for armistice terms from Germany

1967: China exploded its first hydrogen bomb

2000: A replica Viking ship set sail from Iceland to recreate the voyage of Leif Eriksson to North America

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