

Tuesday, July 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007: Swiss tennis player Roger Federer claimed his fifth consecutive Wimbledon title, equalling an Open Era record set by Bjorn Borg in 1980**

1709: Charles XII of Sweden was defeated by Peter the Great's Russian army at the Battle of Poltava, crushing Sweden's territorial ambitions

1822: English poet Percy Bysshe Shelley drowned off Livorno, Italy

1994: North Korean president Kim Il Sung, the 20th century's longest-ruling dictator, died of a heart attack

2007: Boeing unveiled its new 787 Dreamliner at the American manufacturer's plant in Seattle

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