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ON THIS DAY



▲ 2007: Billionaire New York City hotelier Leona Helmsley, who once boasted that "only little people pay taxes", died at the age of 87

1873: Finnish-born architect Eliel Saarinen, who greatly influenced skyscraper design in the U.S., was born

1931: Stainless steel was first cast in Sheffield, England

1949: A new assembly in Hungary adopted a Soviet-style constitution

1998: U.S. cruise missiles struck targets in Sudan and Afghanistan with suspected links to the terrorist attacks on U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania