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ON THIS DAY



▲ 2007: Slovenian Martin Strel completed swimming the full length of the Amazon River. The 5,265km (3,272-mile) swim took 65 days

1827: John Walker, who invented the first friction matches, sold his first batch

1906: Hundreds died as Mount Vesuvius erupted in southern Italy

1963: The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was set up with Marshall Tito as its president for life

2008: The Olympic torch was put out as thousands of anti-China protesters disrupted the torch relay through Paris. The protests followed similar demonstrations in London