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ON THIS DAY



▲ 2007: Boris Yeltsin, Russia's first democratically elected president and key figure in the demise of the Soviet Union, died of heart failure aged 76

1014: High King of Ireland Brian Boru was killed while repelling Viking invaders at the Battle of Clontarf

1775: English landscape painter J.M.W. Turner, whose work inspired the impressionists, was born

1945: Russian troops liberated the German concentration camps at Sachsenhausen and Ravensbrueck

1992: A NASA satellite found evidence of wispy clouds of matter at the edge of the known universe