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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Barack Obama was inaugurated as the 44th and first African-American President of the United States**

1882: A draper's shop in Newcastle on Tyne, England, became the first shop in the world to be lit by electric light

1892: The first game of basketball, devised by Canadian Dr James Naismith, was played

1984: Johnny Weissmuller, five-time Olympic swimming champion who went on to find movie fame as Tarzan, died

1996: PLO chief Yasser Arafat became the first democratically-elected leader of the Palestinians