

Tuesday, February 23

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1879:** Major Walter Winfield patented an outdoor game he called “sphairistike”, later known as lawn tennis

1898: French novelist Emile Zola was imprisoned for writing his “J’accuse” letter, accusing the government of anti-semitism

1945: American forces captured the Japanese island of Iwo Jima

1994: The Russian parliament voted to pardon participants in the hardline Soviet coup attempt of 1991

1999: The Levi Strauss company closed half its U.S. factories due to falling demand for traditional jeans