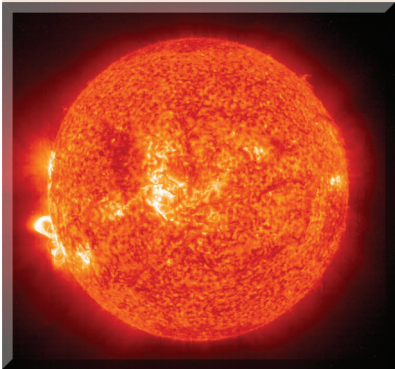


Tuesday, March 30

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2001: Two huge flares erupted from a giant sunspot group as the sun neared the peak of its regular 11-year sunspot cycle

1853: Vincent van Gogh, Dutch post-impressionist master, was born

1856: The Treaty of Paris ended the Crimean War and guaranteed the integrity of Ottoman Turkey

1979: In a two-day referendum, Iranians voted overwhelmingly in favour of establishing an Islamic Republic

2009: At least 18 people were killed and 95 injured in a Taliban attack on a police academy in Lahore, Pakistan