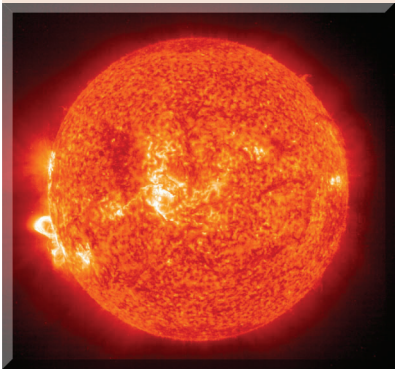


Wednesday, March 30

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

2010: The Large Hadron Collider shattered records by colliding particle beams at a combined energy of 7 teraelectronvolts (TeV)