

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a black Atari joystick. The joystick has a red button on the left and a black joystick in the center. The Atari logo is visible on the top right of the joystick. In the background, a television screen displays the game Pong, with the word "PONG" visible at the top of the screen.

Today in History

November 29, 1972

▲ **Pong, the first commercially successful video game, was launched by Atari. It was based on table tennis and featured simple two-dimensional graphics**

1947: The UN General Assembly voted to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab land

2001: Thirty countries agreed to prevent profits from the diamond trade supporting armed conflict in Africa

2002: The first funds for the Moses Project, to build flood barriers to protect Venice from tidal waters, were released

2011: A Los Angeles court jails Dr Conrad Murray for the involuntary manslaughter of Michael Jackson