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▲ The first game of basketball, devised by Canadian physical education instructor Dr James Naismith, was played at the YMCA gymnasium in Massachusetts, U.S.

1972: After nearly two decades of Cold War hostility, East and West Germany established diplomatic ties

1975: Arab terrorists led by "Carlos the Jackal" held staff hostage at the OPEC headquarters in Vienna

1988: A terrorist bomb exploded on Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 on board and 11 people on the ground

1993: President Boris Yeltsin abruptly abolished the KGB security