



Today in History

February 23, 1874

▲ Major Walter Winfield patented an outdoor game he called “sphairistike”, Greek for “playing ball”, but which soon became known as lawn tennis

1863: Two British explorers announced that they had discovered the source of the Nile

1994: Bosnia's government and separatist Bosnian Croat forces agreed a comprehensive ceasefire

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

2004: The WHO launched a massive immunisation campaign to stem a polio outbreak in sub-Saharan Africa