



## Today in History

*March 23, 1997*

▲ At the world championships in Lausanne, 14-year-old American Tara Lipinski became the youngest ever world figure skating champion

**1983:** Dr Barney Clark, the first person to be given an artificial heart, died after surviving 112 days

**1983:** President Reagan proposed that the U.S. should adopt the "Star Wars" defence system

**1993:** UN scientists reported record low ozone levels over a large area of the western hemisphere

**2010:** U.S. President Barack Obama signed his landmark health care reform bill into law