



Today in History

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▲ **Plastiki, a catamaran made of recycled plastic bottles, arrived in Sydney after crossing the Pacific Ocean to raise awareness of environmental issues**

1908: Salvador Allende, Chile's first Marxist president, was born

1974: The artificial sweetener aspartame was approved for use as a low calorie sweetener without the bitter aftertaste of saccharin

2001: Scientists concluded that the 5,300-year-old "iceman" found in the Alps was killed by an arrow wound

2006: Fragments of an early Irish Christian prayer book from around AD800 were discovered in a bog