

A photograph of a man with a mustache, wearing a dark blue pinstripe suit and a red tie, smiling as he holds the FIFA World Cup trophy. Next to him is a woman wearing a red headscarf and a red shawl, also smiling. The trophy is a large, golden, textured cup. The background is a solid blue color.

Today in History

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1872: An account of a deluge in newly translated cuneiform fragments caused a sensation owing to its similarity to the biblical account of the Great Flood

1982: A patient in the U.S. was given the first permanent artificial heart

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