



Today in History

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▲ The U.S. listed the polar bear, the world's largest land predator, as a threatened species due to rapidly declining ice levels in its Arctic Ocean habitat

1796: British physician Edward Jenner gave the first successful vaccination against smallpox

1955: The Warsaw Pact was signed by the Soviet Union and seven other communist states in eastern Europe

1964: Egypt detonated a huge sand barrier to divert the course of the Nile to build the Aswan High Dam, aimed at irrigating vast areas of Egyptian desert

1998: Fans worldwide mourned the death of Ol' Blue Eyes, Frank Sinatra