



Today in History

June 26, 1974

▲ **A computerised recognition system, the scannable barcode, was first used commercially in a U.S. supermarket, on a packet of Wrigley's chewing gum**

1284: According to legend, the Pied Piper lured away 130 children from the German town of Hamelin

1989: A Soviet nuclear submarine was crippled off the coast of Norway when a pipe burst in its reactor

1995: Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak survived an assassination bid when his limousine was attacked in Ethiopia

2000: Two rival teams of scientists announced they had deciphered the sequence of the human genome