



Today in History

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▲ The WWF revealed that 350 new species, including a flying frog and the world's smallest deer, had been discovered in the Eastern Himalayas in the previous decade

1628: The Swedish warship Vasa sank just 20 minutes into her maiden voyage. The ship was raised in 1961 and is now a popular tourist attraction

1809: Ecuador struck its first blow for independence from Spain

1909: Leo Fender, pioneer of the electric guitar, was born in Anaheim, California

1999: Islamic militants declared an independent state in the southern Russian region of Dagestan