



Today in History

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▲ **British 400m hurdler Sally Gunnell became the first woman to hold Olympic, World, European and Commonwealth titles, and the world record at the same time**

1883: The last quagga, a subspecies of zebra, died at a zoo in Amsterdam

1944: The first pipe line supplying petrol from Britain to the Allied forces in France went into operation

1949: Starlings on the minute hand of London's Big Ben made the clock lose four-and-a-half minutes

2011: Bullet trains on the Beijing to Shanghai High-Speed Railway were withdrawn and all track sections were inspected following a crash