



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

1945: The United Nations Charter was signed by 50 nations in San Francisco

1975: Indira Gandhi declared a state of emergency in India, arresting hundreds of political opponents

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

2000: Two rival teams of scientists announced jointly that they had deciphered the structure of the human genome