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▲ Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvers, France. He had suffered frequent bouts of mental illness for many years

1030: Norway's patron saint, Olaf II, was killed in battle while attempting to recover his throne from the Danes

1565: Mary, Queen of Scots married her cousin, Henry, Lord Darnley

1975: Nigeria's General Yakubu Gowon was ousted in a bloodless coup while he was at a summit of African leaders

2005: Astronomers revealed the discovery of an object larger than Pluto and three times as distant. Eris is now classified as a "dwarf planet"