



Today in History

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▲ British triple jumper Jonathan Edwards leapt 18.29m (60ft) at the World Athletics Championships in Gothenburg. His record, the first over 18m, stands to this day

1840: The British parliament passed an act prohibiting the employment of boys as chimney-sweeps

1955: Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering, later renamed Sony, sold its first transistor radios

1990: The U.S. sent troops to Saudi Arabia after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait

2000: Scientists announced the discovery of nine more planets outside the solar system, bringing the known number to more than 40