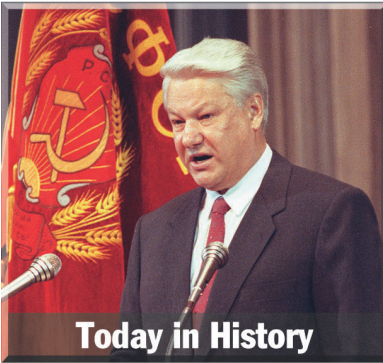


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Today in History

July 10, 1991

▲ Boris Yeltsin was sworn in as the first elected President of Russia in a move that also saw the symbolic burial of Communist power in the vast republic

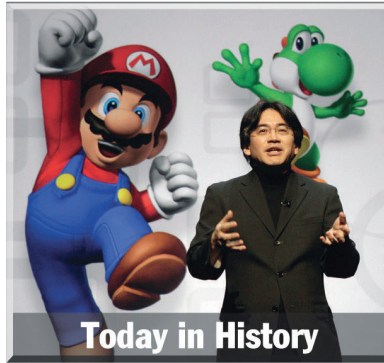
1913: The highest ever recorded shade temperature, 56.7C (134F), was measured in Death Valley, California

1962: Volvo engineer Nils Bohlin patented the seat belt, which is now a standard feature in most cars

1976: A cloud of ash fell from a chemical plant, covering the town of Flixborough

2003: The Hubble Space Telescope detected a ring of ice around Jupiter in the form of a ring of ice

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Today in History

July 11, 2015

▲ Satoru Iwata, chief executive of Japanese video game maker Nintendo, who masterminded some of Nintendo's most popular devices, died aged 55

1893: The first cultured pearls were produced in Japan

2006: Seven coordinated explosions on a train in India's Diamond City



Today in History

July 12, 2001

▲ U.S. scientists announced they had created human stem cells from cloned embryos, which could theoretically be used to repair damage in any part of the body

1970: Thor Heyerdahl completed a successful crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in the papyrus reed boat Ra II

1991: The Japanese team of



Today in History

July 13, 1943

▲ The greatest tank battle in history ended with Russia's defeat of Germany at Kursk, south of Moscow. The battle involved 6,000 tanks and two million men

1841: The Straits Convention was signed by the major European powers, guaranteeing the independence of the Ottoman Empire



Today in History

July 14, 1789

▲ Citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison, a hated symbol of the monarchy, at the start of the French Revolution. Bastille Day is now a public holiday in France

1957: Rawya Ateya became the first female parliamentarian in the Arab world when she took her seat in the National Assembly of Egypt

1976: The Tanzam railway, linking Zambia and Tanzania, was finished

2015: The New Horizons space probe performed the first flyby of Pluto

2015: Iran agreed a historic deal to limit its ability to produce nuclear weapons in exchange for the lifting of crippling economic sanctions

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Today in History

July 15, 2006

▲ Twitter, the online social networking service enabling users to send and read short messages of 140 characters, called "tweets", was launched

1834: The infamous Spanish Inquisition was officially dissolved

1869: Margarine was patented and named after the Greek word for pearl, margaritari, owing to its pearl-like lustre

2003: AOL Time Warner disbanded Netscape, which it acquired in 1999

2006: Leaders of the world's most powerful industrial nations gathered in St Petersburg as Russia hosted its first G8 summit

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Today in History

July 16, 2015

▲ Protests broke out in Japan after parliament approved a new law allowing Japan's military to participate in foreign conflicts for the first time since World War II

1867: Reinforced concrete was first patented in Paris by Joseph Monier

1945: The U.S. tested the world's first atomic bomb in New Mexico

1969: Apollo 11, with astronauts Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin, blasted off from Cape Kennedy on the first mission to land on the moon

2014: Karl Hans Albrecht, German entrepreneur who with his brother Theo founded the discount supermarket chain Aldi, died aged 94

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