



Today in History

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▲ The ancient temple of Bel in Palmyra was destroyed by so-called Islamic State militants, one week after they also blew up the temple of Baalshamin

1991: U.S. long jumper Mike Powell beat Bob Beamon's 23-year-old Mexico Olympics record with a leap of 8.95m

1993: The Grand Hassan II Mosque, North Africa's largest mosque, was dedicated in Casablanca, Morocco

2001: The first euro notes and coins were unveiled

2015: Mount McKinley, in Alaska, reverted to its traditional name of Denali, meaning "the high one" in the native Athabaskan language