



Today in History

December 1, 1991

▲ The people of Ukraine voted by a margin of nine to one for full independence from the Soviet Union, confirming parliament's declaration of August 24

1906: The Cinema Omnia Pathe, the world's first purpose built picture palace, opened in Paris, France

1936: The first U.S. patent was issued for soiless culture of plants, now called hydroponics

1959: The Antarctic Treaty, intended to preserve the region for scientific research, was signed

2015: Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook CEO, said he would donate 99% of his shares, worth \$45bn, to charity