



Today in History

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▲ **China's last imperial eunuch, Sun Yaoting, died at age 93. Aside from the emperor, eunuchs were the only males to live in the Inner Court of the Forbidden City**

1967: Australian prime minister Harold Holt was drowned while swimming in the sea near Melbourne

1986: The world's first heart, lung and liver transplant was carried out at Papworth Hospital in Cambridge, England

1988: A Japanese company bought the piano used in the film Casablanca for \$200,000, outbidding Donald Trump

2011: North Korean leader Kim Jong-il died from a heart attack