

A photograph of three female figure skaters standing on a podium, smiling and holding large bouquets of flowers. The skater on the left is wearing a red dress, the one in the middle is wearing a white dress, and the one on the right is wearing a pink dress. They are all wearing medals around their necks.

## Today in History

*March 23, 1997*

▲ **American Tara Lipinski became the youngest ever world figure skating champion, aged 14. She went on to win Olympic gold in Nagano the following year**

**1839:** The earliest use of the term “OK” (the misspelled “oll korrekt”) appeared

**1983:** Dr Barney Clark, the first person to be given an artificial heart, died 112 days after the transplant

**1998:** The world’s largest English-language book-publisher was created when Germany’s Bertelsmann AG purchased U.S. firm Random House

**2010:** U.S. President Barack Obama signed his landmark health care reform bill into law