



Today in History

October 7, 1952

▲ Russian president Vladimir Putin was born. He has been Russia's dominant political figure since he succeeded Boris Yeltsin as president in 2000

1952: The now ubiquitous barcode, originally resembling a bullseye with concentric circles, was patented

2009: A vast new ring was identified around Saturn, 50 times more distant than the inner rings

2012: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez won a fourth term in office

2016: Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end the country's 50-year civil war