



Today in History

January 19, 1943

▲ U.S. singer Janis Joplin was born in Texas. Her uninhibited style made Joplin one of the most acclaimed women in rock before her premature death at age 27

1903: The introduction of the Tour de France bicycle race was announced in Paris

1978: The last Volkswagen Beetle to be manufactured in Germany rolled off the production line

1994: New thin-film photovoltaic technology was reported to produce solar panels with twice the efficiency of existing panels

2003: China's historic Yuzhengong Palace was destroyed by fire