

A close-up photograph of a young woman with blonde hair and bangs, smiling broadly. She is holding a gold medal in her right hand, which features a colorful design. She is wearing a blue ribbon around her neck and a sparkling bracelet on her right wrist.

Today in History

February 20, 1998

▲ U.S. skater Tara Lipinski, aged 15, became the youngest-ever Olympic figure skating champion when she won the gold medal in Nagano, Japan

1472: Norway gave Orkney and Shetland to Scotland after James III of Scotland married Margaret of Norway

1986: The Soviet Union launched the Mir space station, with special laboratories and living quarters for three cosmonauts

1998: The UN more than doubled the quota of oil sales permitted to Iraq under the oil-for-food programme

2009: Swedish automaker Saab filed for bankruptcy