



Today in History

June 19, 1978

▲ **Garfield, now the world's most widely syndicated comic strip, first appeared. Garfield, an overweight cat, is shown above as a balloon in a Thanksgiving Day parade**

1983: Li Xiannian was chosen as China's first president since 1969, a largely ceremonial post at that time

2003: McDonald's instructed its suppliers to cut back on the use of antibiotics in stock raising

2008: Arctic sea ice was reported to have shrunk to 4.2 million sq km, compared to 7.8m in 1980

2017: French President Emmanuel Macron's new centrist party won the parliamentary election by a landslide