



Today in History

January 8, 1889

▲ **New York scientist Dr Herman Hollerith patented the first computer; the company formed to market his device evolved into the giant IBM**

2004: Iconic blue jeans maker Levi Strauss closed its last two sewing plants in the United States

2007: Belarus halted Russian oil supplies to Poland, Germany and Ukraine after a gas price row

2007: Astronomers found the first triple quasar. Quasars are thought to be powered by supermassive black holes

2016: Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was recaptured six months after escaping from prison