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▲ The Swedish band ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with the pop classic Waterloo, which was later voted the best song in the contest's history

**1759:** The composer Handel conducted his Messiah in his last public performance, eight days before he died

**1869:** Celluloid was patented as an alternative to ivory for making billiard balls

**1939:** The “non-stick” polymer Teflon was accidentally discovered by researchers at Du Pont

**1994:** The presidents of Rwanda and Burundi were assassinated when a rocket downed their plane