



Today in History

December 31, 1999

▲ **Russian president Boris Yeltsin stunned the world by announcing his immediate resignation and appointing premier Vladimir Putin as acting president**

1759: Irish entrepreneur Arthur Guinness began brewing ales in Dublin

1879: U.S. inventor Thomas Edison gave the first public demonstration of an electric incandescent lamp

1994: The World Trade Organisation came into being at midnight, succeeding the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

2016: The music industry reached 100 million paying subscribers for streamed music worldwide