



Today in History

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▲ **I.M. Pei, Chinese-American architect known for his precision geometry and use of natural light, as seen in his glass pyramid at the Louvre in Paris, died aged 102**

1960: The first optical laser was demonstrated at the Hughes Research Laboratories in Malibu, California

1975: Japanese mountaineer Junko Tabei became the first woman to climb Mount Everest

1995: The Polish currency, the zloty, was floated on international currency markets

2005: Kuwait's National Assembly passed a law giving women the right to vote and to run for office