



Today in History

August 1, 1785

▲ **Caroline Herschel became the first woman to discover a comet. She and her brother William identified over 2,400 astronomical objects over 20 years**

1793: The metre was first defined as one ten-millionth of the northern quadrant of the Paris meridian

1932: The Mars chocolate bar was first manufactured by the son of U.S. candy maker Frank Mars

1975: The Final Act of the Helsinki Agreement on human rights was signed by the West and the Soviet Union

2011: In Syria, President Assad's forces stormed the cities of Hama and Deir ez-Zour