



Today in History

October 23, 1940

▲ **Brazilian football hero Pelé, who led his country to World Cup victories in 1958 and 1970, was born. He celebrates his 80th birthday today**

1995: A surgeon at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, England, made the first implant of a permanent battery-operated electric heart

2000: U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright became the highest ranking U.S. official to visit North Korea

2005: Brazilians soundly rejected a proposal to ban gun sales

2005: Saplings of Wollemi pine, rediscovered in Australia in 1994, went on sale for the first time