



Today in History

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▲ Tennis star Venus Williams beat her younger sister Serena to win the U.S. Open in the first Grand Slam final contested by two sisters since 1884

1839: British scientist John Herschel, who coined the term photography, took the first photograph on a glass plate

1976: Mao Zedong, Communist revolutionary and founder of the People's Republic of China, died

1991: The Soviet Central Asian republic of Tajikistan declared independence from Moscow

2003: Argentina defaulted on a \$2.9 billion loan, the biggest default ever suffered by the IMF