

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a black Atari joystick. The joystick has a red button and a black knob with a yellow dashed circle around it. In the background, a television screen displays the game Pong, with the word "PONG" visible at the top. The text "Today in History" is overlaid in white at the bottom of the image.

Today in History

November 29, 1972

▲ **Pong, the first commercially successful video game, was launched by Atari. It was based on table tennis and featured simple two-dimensional graphics**

1982: Thomas Keneally won the Booker Prize with *Schindler's Ark*, about the plight of Jews in Nazi Germany

1991: The Soviet State Bank admitted the USSR was virtually bankrupt

1996: A Bosnian Serb soldier was jailed for his part in the Srebrenica massacre, the first sentence passed by a War Crimes Tribunal since WWII

2011: Dr Conrad Murray was jailed for the involuntary manslaughter of pop king Michael Jackson in 2009