



Today in History

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▲ **Catastrophic flooding in western Europe left more than 200 people dead, with parts of western Germany suffering the worst devastation in decades**

1869: Margarine was patented and named after the Greek word for pearl, margaritari, owing to its pearl-like lustre

1997: Flamboyant Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace was shot dead at his mansion in Miami

2006: Twitter, the online service enabling users to send messages of 140 characters, was launched

2010: The Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico finally stopped when the wellhead was capped