



Today in History

December 7, 1911

▲ China's dying Qing dynasty issued an edict abolishing the compulsory wearing of pigtails, which had come to be seen as a symbol of repression

1934: The jet stream, bands of strong winds high above the earth, was supposedly discovered by Wiley Post on a test flight into the stratosphere

1972: Apollo 17, the last manned mission to the moon, was launched

1982: Charles Brooks Jr became the first prisoner in the United States to be executed by lethal injection

2002: Two early paintings by Vincent van Gogh were stolen from the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam