



Today in History

August 7, 1995

▲ **British triple jumper Jonathan Edwards leapt 18.29m (60ft) at the World Athletics Championships in Gothenburg. His record, the first over 18m, stands to this day**

1782: George Washington established the military decoration later to be known as the Order of the Purple Heart

1840: The British parliament passed an act prohibiting the employment of boys as chimney-sweeps

1955: Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering, later renamed Sony, sold its first transistor radios

2007: Astronomers announced the discovery of the largest known planet, 20 times larger than Earth