



# Today in History

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▲ **The first Compact Discs (CDs) were released in Germany. They were originally developed to record sound but were later adapted for data**

**1807:** The first economically viable steamship chugged up New York's Hudson River on its maiden voyage

**1893: Provocative film vamp Mae West, after whom an inflatable life jacket was named, was born**

**1998:** President Clinton testified to a U.S. grand jury, admitting an "inappropriate" relationship with Monica Lewinsky

**2007: Russia resumed long-range patrols by nuclear-capable bombers after a 15-year hiatus**