

A photograph of Florence Griffith-Joyner in mid-air during a 100m sprint at the 1988 Olympics. She is wearing a red and white USA singlet with the number 56. Her arms are raised in a celebratory gesture, and her mouth is open. The background shows a large stadium filled with spectators.

# Today in History

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▲ **Florence Griffith-Joyner, flamboyant star of the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, died of a heart attack at age 38. Her world records in 100m and 200m still stand**

**1903:** The first movie western, the 21-minute silent *Kit Carson*, about the legendary trapper, was released

**1965:** **President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines imposed martial law, which lasted until 1981**

**1993:** Russian President Boris Yeltsin dissolved parliament after it sought to strip him of his powers

**2003:** The Galileo space probe ended its mission by crashing into Jupiter to avoid contaminating the planet's moons