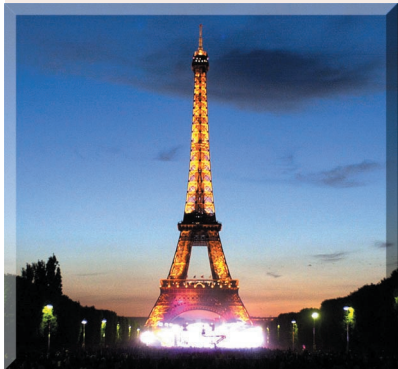


**Wednesday, June 21**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2003:** The Eiffel Tower was illuminated with 20,000 new lights at a festive ceremony in Paris

**1675:** The construction of St Paul's Cathedral began in London, as the foundation stone was laid

**1868:** Richard Wagner's opera *Die Meistersinger von Nuernberg* was first performed in Munich

**1997:** Thai authorities announced that Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot had been captured by dissident guerrillas and was under arrest

**2005:** George Hawi, former head of Lebanon's Communist Party, was killed by a car bomb in Beirut