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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Apple launched its iPhone 3G S, the most powerful iPhone to date, twice as fast as its predecessor**

1623: French mathematician Blaise Pascal, inventor of one of the first calculators, was born

1829: British politician Sir Robert Peel founded the Metropolitan Police

1989: The Polish workers' party Solidarity swept to overwhelming victory in elections to the National Assembly, reflecting 40 years of bitterness at communist rule

2009: Texan billionaire Sir Allen Stanford, facing charges over an \$8bn fraud, surrendered to the FBI