



# Today in History

*February 1, 2003*

▲ **All seven astronauts died when the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated as it returned to Earth; debris had damaged the shuttles wing at launch**

**1972:** Hewlett-Packard introduced the first scientific hand-held calculator, named the HP-35 for having 35 keys

**1977:** The Pompidou Centre in Paris, designed by Richard Rogers and Renzo Piano, was opened

**2004:** A stampede at the Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia killed 251 people

**2006:** Ben Bernanke was sworn in as chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, replacing Alan Greenspan