



# Today in History

*March 21, 2003*

▲ More than 1,000 missiles rained down on military targets near Baghdad as the U.S.-led coalition launched its “shock and awe” campaign on the Iraqi capital

**1960:** South African police opened fire on black demonstrators in what is known as the “Sharpeville Massacre”

**1963:** Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay, which once housed gangster Al Capone, closed

**2001:** Anthropologists in Kenya unearthed a 3.5 million year-old skull, known as “flat-faced man”

**2010:** Iceland’s Eyjafjallajökull volcano erupted, causing massive disruption to European airspace