



Today in History

March 2, 2004

▲ The European Space Agency's Rosetta spacecraft was launched from Kourou, French Guiana, on a 10-year mission to land a robot on the surface of a comet

1949: Captain James Gallagher completed the first non-stop round the world flight in 94 hours 1 minute

1989: The first Vietnamese boat people to volunteer to return home left Hong Kong

1995: U.S. physicists isolated the "top quark", a sub-proton particle predicted to exist but hitherto unobserved

2011: Government minister Shahbaz Bhatti, a strong critic of Pakistan's blasphemy laws, was assassinated