



## Today in History

*March 21, 2009*

▲ Up to 100,000 Italians marched through Naples calling for more police action against mafia clans, responsible for the deaths of over 900 people in recent decades

**1927:** Nationalist Chinese forces under Chiang Kai-shek took Shanghai

**1994:** Steven Spielberg won his first Oscars, scooping Best Director and Best Film for *Schindler's List*

**2006:** Russian gas giant Gazprom said it would build two large natural gas pipelines directly to China in five years

**2010:** *Plastiki*, a boat built from 12,000 plastic bottles, set sail from San Francisco to Sydney to spread awareness about maritime pollution