



## Today in History

*May 13, 1981*

▲ **Pope John Paul II was shot and wounded as he drove through a crowd of 20,000 in St Peter's Square in Rome. The gunman, Mehmet Ali Agca, was arrested**

**1992:** Three astronauts retrieved and relaunched a malfunctioning satellite

**2003:** Over a million people took to the streets of France to express their hostility to proposed reforms to the state pension system

**2006:** Some 17,000 people were evacuated after lava flows poured down the slopes of Indonesia's Mount Merapi

**2008:** A portrait by Lucian Freud, "Benefits Supervisor Sleeping", sold for \$33.6m, a record for a living artist