



## Today in History

*November 4, 1862*

▲ The first rapid-fire machine gun, the forerunner of the modern machine gun, was patented by U.S. inventor Richard Jordan Gatling. It was named after him

**1960:** Chimpanzees in Tanzania were observed to create tools, the first non-human animals ever seen to do this

**2003:** The sun unleashed the biggest solar flare ever recorded, twice as big as the previous record flare

**2008:** Barack Obama became the first African-American to be elected President of the United States

**2010:** The world's fastest rollercoaster, with a top speed of 240km/h, opened in Abu Dhabi