



Today in History

February 1, 2003

▲ **All seven astronauts died when the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated on re-entry to the atmosphere; debris had damaged the shuttle's wing at launch**

1893: Thomas Edison opened the world's first motion picture studio, which he named the "Black Maria"

1920: The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, known colloquially as the Mounties, was formed

1958: Egypt and Syria united to form a new state called the United Arab Republic; the union lasted until 1961

2014: The Mumbai Monorail, India's first monorail since independence, was officially inaugurated