



# Today in History

*December 15, 2001*

▲ **The Leaning Tower of Pisa reopened to visitors after 11 years of delicate engineering work to reduce its tilt and prevent it from toppling over**

**1654:** A meteorological office in Tuscany, Italy, began taking the first daily temperature readings

**1939:** The epic Hollywood movie *Gone with the Wind* had its world premiere in Atlanta, Georgia

**1973:** John Paul Getty III was freed five months after being kidnapped, after his grandfather paid a ransom of \$2.8m

**1993:** Delegations from 117 countries approved a GATT trade treaty aimed at opening up international markets