



# Today in History

*December 20, 1989*

▲ **U.S. troops invaded Panama to depose and capture its military dictator Manuel Noriega, who had been indicted in the U.S. on drug trafficking charges**

**1699:** Peter the Great reorganized the Russian calendar so that the New Year began on January 1, not September 1

**1951:** The first electricity generated by nuclear power illuminated light bulbs at a testing station in the U.S.

**1989:** Romania declared a state of emergency as pro-democracy protests swept through the country

**2009:** A U.S. general in Iraq added pregnancy to the list of reasons a soldier could face court martial