



## Today in History

*April 25, 1990*

▲ The Hubble Space Telescope was launched aboard the space shuttle. Iconic images like this of the Eagle Nebula have since transformed our view of space

**1850:** Paul Julius Reuter, founder of the news agency that bears his name, used 40 pigeons to carry stock market prices between Brussels and Aachen

**1975:** Portugal held its first free elections for 50 years

**1980:** Eight U.S. commandos died in a helicopter crash in an abortive attempt to rescue hostages in Iran

**2005:** The final piece of the 24m-tall, 1,700-year-old Obelisk of Axum was returned from Italy to Ethiopia