



Today in History

August 18, 1960

▲ **The first oral contraceptive went on sale in the United States. The pill is now the most popular form of birth control, used by over 100 million women worldwide**

1965: Operation Starlite, the first major U.S. ground operation in Vietnam, began

1980: Canadian pathologist Elizabeth Stern Shankman died. Her research enabled the early diagnosis of cervical cancer

2003: Ma Li Hua of Singapore toppled 303,621 dominoes, then a world record

2005: A massive power outage on the Indonesian island of Java affected almost 100 million people