



# Today in History

*October 26, 1861*

▲ **The Pony Express closed.** It operated for 19 months and was the most direct means of east to west communication in the U.S. before the advent of the telegraph

**1861:** The first telephone shown in public was demonstrated in Frankfurt

**1956:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was founded to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy and to inhibit its use for any military purpose

**2006:** Citizens of Kiribati and Tuvalu were warned they would soon have to relocate because of rising sea levels

**2011:** Eurozone leaders agreed measures to control the debt crisis