



## Today in History

*April 7, 1827*

▲ English chemist John Walker sold the first friction matches, his own invention using a mixture of antimony sulphide, potassium chlorate, gum, and starch

**1948:** The World Health Organisation was established, with responsibility for international public health

**1964:** IBM unveiled the ground-breaking System/360 mainframe

**1994:** The Rwandan genocide, triggered by the assassination of the president, began. Some 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed

**2007:** Slovenian endurance swimmer Martin Strel completed swimming the full length of the Amazon River