



## Today in History

*December 15, 2000*

▲ The last reactor at Chernobyl was officially shut down, almost 15 years after an explosion spread a radioactive cloud over Europe in the world's worst nuclear disaster

**1952:** The first publically-documented sex-change operation was carried out on former U.S. soldier George Jorgensen, who took the name Christine Jorgensen

**1982:** Gibraltar's frontier with Spain opened for the first time in 13 years

**1995:** EU leaders agreed to name their new single currency the Euro

**2001:** The Leaning Tower of Pisa reopened to visitors after 11 years of work to prevent it from toppling