



# Today in History

*January 8, 2004*

▲ The Queen Mary 2, at the time the largest and most expensive passenger liner ever built, was officially named ahead of its maiden voyage

**1889:** Herman Hollerith patented the first computer; the company formed to market it evolved into the giant IBM

**1926:** Abdul Aziz ibn Saud, Sultan of Nejd, was crowned King of the Hejaz in the Grand Mosque of Mecca

**1973:** The men accused of bugging the Democratic Party HQ in the Watergate building went on trial in the U.S.

**1998:** Nicotine addiction was linked to the release of the neurotransmitter dopamine in the brain