



# Today in History

*March 21, 2003*

▲ More than 1,000 missiles rained down on military targets near Baghdad as the U.S.-led coalition launched its “shock and awe” campaign on the Iraqi capital

**1908:** French aviator Henri Farman flew over Paris with the first air passenger on board

**1960:** South African police opened fire on black demonstrators, killing 69 people in the Sharpeville Massacre

**1963:** Alcatraz, a maximum security jail in San Francisco Bay which once housed gangster Al Capone, closed

**2006:** Twitter, the online service enabling 140-character messages called “tweets”, was founded