

Monday, March 20

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** Princess Juliana, former Queen of the Netherlands, died at the age of 94 following a long illness

1792: France approved the use of the guillotine as a means of conducting capital punishment

1841: Edgar Allan Poe published his first detective story, *The Murders in the Rue Morgue*

1995: The Tokyo underground was paralysed when terrorists released deadly nerve gas, killing 12 people

2004: Taiwanese president Chen Shui-bian was reelected by a razor-thin margin having survived an assassination attempt the day before