



Today in History

October 16, 1987

▲ The worst storm for 300 years swept across southern England with winds up to 110mph (170kp/h), killing 19 people and felling around 15 million trees

1923: English watchmaker John Harwood patented the first self-winding wrist watch

1964: China exploded its first nuclear bomb

2002: A new library in Egypt, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, was opened on the site of the fabled original

2006: U.S. and Russian scientists announced a new chemical element with atomic number 118 that existed millisecond before decaying