



## Today in History

*December 14, 1962*

▲ The U.S. space probe Mariner II sent back the first close-up pictures of the planet Venus, the first information received from another planet

**1503:** French astrologer and prophet Michel de Nostredame, also known as Nostradamus, was born

**1900:** Max Planck first published his Quantum Theory, stating that radiant energy comes in small packets

**1911:** Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen reached the South Pole ahead of Britain's Captain Scott

**1967:** Scientists at Stanford University, U.S., isolated nuclear DNA from a virus in a test tube