



Today in History

22 December, 1989

▲ **Nicolae Ceausescu, Romania's communist dictator, was ousted in a revolution after 24 years of hardline rule. He was tried and executed within days**

640: The Saracens destroyed the library at Alexandria; burning books warmed the public baths for six months

1993: Residents of a small Spanish town won 32 billion pesetas (\$230m) in the world's biggest lottery

1993: The Australian government voted to allow aborigines to reclaim rights to land seized by European settlers

2010: President Obama signed a law allowing gays in the U.S. military to be open about their sexuality