



Today in History

April 18, 2002

▲ **Thor Heyerdahl died. In 1947 he crossed the Pacific on his raft Kon-Tiki to test his theory that Polynesia was originally populated by native Americans**

1955: Eminent German-born physicist Albert Einstein, who formulated the theory of relativity in 1905, died

1982: Salisbury, the capital of Zimbabwe, was renamed Harare

2002: The U.S. Senate rejected President George W. Bush's plan to allow drilling for oil in Alaska

2013: France became the 14th nation to approve same-sex marriage, when the lower house in the National Assembly voted in favour