



## Today in History

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▲ The remains of Spanish literary giant Miguel de Cervantes, author of *Don Quixote*, were found in a Madrid convent nearly 400 years after his death

**45BC:** Julius Caesar heavily defeated the Pompeians, who lost over 30,000 men, at the battle of Munda in Spain

**1845:** The elastic band, made from vulcanized rubber, was patented by Stephen Perry of London

**1980:** The first patent for a life form was issued for a genetically-engineered bacterium

**2010:** A controversial mega-dam on a tributary of the Mekong River in Laos began generating electricity