



Today in History

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▲ **British sailor Ellen MacArthur completed a solo round the world voyage in a then record 71 days. She remains the only woman to have completed the feat**

1886: George Walker is said to have discovered gold in South Africa's Transvaal region

1971: A referendum in Switzerland voted 66% in favour of women's suffrage

1989: It rained sardines over the Australian town of Ipswich, 30 miles from the coast, after a violent storm

2012: A federal appeals court in California overturned the ban on gay marriage passed in 2008