



Today in History

April 22, 1952

▲ An atomic test was broadcast live on U.S. national television for the first time. The 31-kiloton bomb was dropped from a B-50 plane over the Nevada desert

1616: Spanish novelist and playwright Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, author of Don Quixote, died in Madrid

1889: Oklahoma's famous land rush began as around 50,000 would-be settlers raced into the territory

1947: The photo-finish camera was used for the first time, at Britain's Epsom racecourse

1984: Scientists announced the isolation of the AIDS virus, which acts by weakening the immune system