



Today in History

January 24, 1848

▲ **James W. Marshall discovered a nugget of gold at Sutter's Mill in California. The find sparked the Gold Rush that drew 300,000 people to seek their fortune**

1935: The first canned beer went on sale, with a special coating to prevent the beer from reacting with the tin

1978: The Soviet satellite Cosmos 954 disintegrated over Canada, scattering radioactive debris

2003: A U.S. plan to inoculate 500,000 health care workers against smallpox began in Connecticut

2008: A French trader lost €4.9bn (\$7bn) for the Societe Generale bank, worsening the economic downturn