



Today in History

May 24, 1883

▲ **New York's Brooklyn Bridge, linking Manhattan to Brooklyn, was opened. Made from steel wire, it was the longest suspension bridge in the world at that time**

1822: Antonio Jose de Sucre defeated the Spanish royalists at the Battle of Pichincha, securing the independence of Quito, later to become Ecuador

1954: IBM announced the creation of electronic valves, a major step in the evolution of modern computers

1956: The Eurovision Song Contest was first held, in Lugano, Switzerland

1993: Eritrea formally achieved independence from Ethiopia following a 30-year civil war