



# Today in History

*December 22, 2022*

▲ **Covid-19 infections in China peaked at 6.94 million, with deaths estimated at over 5,000 a day, two weeks after the country lifted its draconian restrictions**

**1943:** Beatrix Potter, author of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* and other well loved children's books, died

**1993:** Residents of a small Spanish town won 32 billion pesetas (\$230m) in the world's biggest lottery

**1993:** The Australian government voted to allow aborigines to reclaim rights to land seized by European settlers

**2003:** Colombian rebels freed five hostages, four Israelis and a Briton, held in the jungle for 102 days