

Friday, January 21

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Toyota overtook General Motors to become the world's largest automaker**

1648: Margaret Brent, the first woman lawyer in the American colonies, was denied the right to vote

1790: Joseph Guillotin demonstrated his new execution device, in which a heavy blade dropped from a frame and beheaded the victim

1954: The first nuclear-powered submarine, *Nautilus*, was launched

2008: A woman thought to be the last native speaker of the Eyak language in the U.S. state of Alaska died aged 89, rendering the language extinct