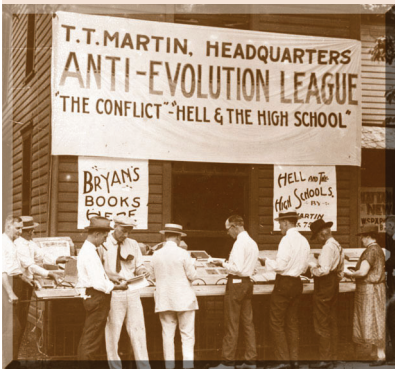


Wednesday, March 23

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1925:** The U.S. state of Tennessee banned the teaching of the theory of evolution in its schools

1861: London's first tramcars, designed by a Mr Train of New York, went into operation from Bayswater

1919: In Italy, Benito Mussolini founded his own party, the Fasci di Combattimento

2001: Russian ground controllers successfully ditched the 15-year-old Mir space station in the Pacific Ocean, south east of New Zealand

2010: U.S. President Barack Obama signed his landmark health care reform bill into law