



## Today in History

*January 12, 1580*

▲ **Belgian chemist Jean Baptiste van Helmont, who used the melting point of ice and the boiling point of water as standards for temperature, was born**

**1904:** Henry Ford set a land speed record of 91.37mph in his 999 racing car near Detroit

**1957: Elvis Presley recorded All Shook Up. It topped the U.S. pop chart for eight weeks**

**1990:** Romania became the first East European state and Warsaw Pact member to outlaw the Communist Party

**2007: Seven people died when a tunnel for a new underground station collapsed in Sao Paulo, Brazil**