



## Today in History

*May 16, 1881*

▲ The world's first electric tram line opened in Lichterfelde near Berlin, Germany, using a trolley pole to feed power from electric wires strung above the tram route

**1888:** Emile Berliner demonstrated flat disc recording in Philadelphia

**1920:** Pope Benedict XV canonized Joan of Arc, burnt at the stake for heresy in 1431

**2006:** A Stradivarius violin made in 1707 set a new world record auction price for a musical instrument when it sold for \$3.5m in New York

**2007:** Nicolas Sarkozy was inaugurated as President of France at the Elysee Palace