



Today in History

October 12, 1901

▲ The U.S. presidential residence was renamed the White House, a name in common use since the early 19th century, replacing its earlier title of Executive Mansion

1822: Brazil formally gained its independence from Portugal

1823: Scottish chemist Charles Macintosh sold his first waterproof raincoat

2002: A devastating car bomb attack outside a packed nightclub on the Indonesian holiday island of Bali killed 202 people and injured hundreds more

2009: A group of fossils found in China was confirmed as the biggest of its kind in the world