



Today in History

January 29, 1886

▲ German engineer Karl Benz patented the first successful petrol-driven motor car. It had three rubber-tyred wheels and travelled at 9.3mph

1635: The Academie Francaise, still responsible for the French language, was founded by Cardinal Richelieu

1820: Britain's King George III died, ending a reign that witnessed both the American and French Revolutions

1900: The American Baseball League was founded in Chicago

1995: Peru launched a major offensive against Ecuador over a stretch of border in the Andes disputed since 1821