



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

1967: French President Charles de Gaulle imposed a virtual veto on Britain's application to join the EEC

1996: Romano Prodi, leader of the Olive Tree alliance, was asked to form a government in Italy

1996: Paleontologists in Morocco discovered a 1.5m (5ft) dinosaur skull, from a carnivore bigger than T-Rex

2006: A Stradivarius violin dating from 1707 sold for a then record \$3.5m at auction in New York