



Today in History

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▲ **Team New Zealand secured a fourth America's Cup victory, beating Italy's Luna Rossa team by seven race wins to three off the coast of Auckland**

1845: The elastic band, made from vulcanized rubber, was patented by Stephen Perry of London

1980: The first patent for a life form was issued for a genetically engineered bacterium

1992: South Africa voted to repeal racially discriminatory laws and abolish apartheid

2003: Spain's Supreme Court banned the Basque nationalist party, Batasuna, over its links with ETA