# Today in History

***April 14, 1527***

**▲ Abraham Ortelius, Flemish cartographer who created the first modern atlas, the Theatrum Orbis Terrarum, was born. His atlas, with 53 maps, was issued in 1570**

**1927:** Clarence Birdseye patented a method for quick freezing fish that preserved its texture

**1929: The inaugural Monaco Grand Prix was staged in Monte Carlo. It was won by a Bugatti 35B**

**1981:** The space shuttle Columbia made a perfect landing after its maiden flight. It blew up on re-entry in 2003

**1986: The world's heaviest authenticated hailstone, weighing one kilogram, fell in Bangladesh**

Picture: Newscom

© GRAPHIC NEWS