



Today in History

October 12, 1928

▲ The first use of an “iron lung” took place to treat a young patient suffering from polio. The medical ventilator enabled polio sufferers to breathe more normally

1822: Brazil formally gained its independence from Portugal

1901: The U.S. presidential residence was formally renamed the White House

1997: U.S. singer-songwriter John Denver died when his light aircraft plunged into the sea off California

2002: A car bomb placed outside a nightclub on the Indonesian island of Bali by an Al Qaeda-inspired group killed 202 people