



Today in History

June 26, 1284

▲ According to legend, the Pied Piper lured 130 children from the German town of Hamelin, allegedly in revenge for not being paid for clearing the town of rats

1906: The first grand prix motor race was held at Le Mans over 105km of public roads. It was won by Hungarian Ferenc Szisz, driving a Renault

1959: The St Lawrence Seaway, connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean, was opened

1974: The scannable barcode was first used in a U.S. supermarket

1975: Indira Gandhi declared a state of emergency in India, arresting hundreds of political opponents