## Friday, December 26

## ON THIS DAY



▲ 2006: Former U.S. President Gerald Ford died at his home in California at the age of 93

**1865:** U.S. inventor James H. Nason patented a coffee percolator

1957: French film pioneer Charles Pathe, creator of the popular cinema newsreel, died

**1990:** Romania expelled ex-king Michael only hours after he had returned from exile lasting 43 years

2007: Six French charity workers were sentenced to eight years' hard labour in Chad after being convicted of trying to kidnap 103 children to take them to France for adoption