

Wednesday, December 23

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1834:** The Hansom cab, the taxi of Victorian London, was patented by English architect Joseph Hansom

1672: Italian astronomer Giovanni Cassini discovered Rhea, a satellite of the planet Saturn

1888: Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh famously cut off part of his left ear

1972: A massive earthquake struck Nicaragua, killing up to 7,000 people

2008: The world's 15 leading gas-producing countries signed the charter of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum, formalising the organisation. GECF was to be headquartered in Doha, Qatar