



Today in History

December 26, 1893

▲ **Mao Zedong, co-founder of China's Communist Party, was born. He led the country from 1949-59, and remained head of the Party until his death in 1976**

1898: French physicists Marie and Pierre Curie discovered radium

1975: The Soviet Tupolev-144 became the world's first supersonic aircraft to go into regular service

1993: An 11-year-old Angora cat from Seattle inherited a \$500,000 estate

2003: A devastating earthquake in the Iranian city of Bam killed over 26,000 people and destroyed the city's 2,000-year-old citadel, the world's largest mud-brick structure