



Today in History

May 11, 1904

▲ Surrealist painter Salvador Dali was born in Figueres, Spain. His works, such as *The Persistence of Memory*, are renowned for their striking and often bizarre images

1949: Siam changed its name to Thailand for the second time. It was first used in 1939 but reverted in 1945

1949: Israel was admitted to the United Nations

1994: Deir al-Balah became the first town in Gaza to come under Palestinian self-rule

2004: An Islamic website posted a video showing the beheading of U.S. businessman Nick Berg by al-Qaeda leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi