



## Today in History

*December 12, 2009*

▲ U.S. golfer Tiger Woods, sport's first billionaire, announced he was taking an indefinite break from golf following his admission of multiple extra-marital affairs

**1792:** Ludwig van Beethoven, aged 22, noted in his diary that he could finally afford his first music lesson with Haydn

**1924:** The first blocks of land were auctioned to develop the new Australian city of Canberra

**2006:** Leading climatologists warned that most of the Arctic icecap will have melted by 2040

**2012:** North Korea controversially launched a long-range rocket, in defiance of international warnings