



Today in History

December 26, 2004

▲ A magnitude 9.1 earthquake under the Indian Ocean triggered devastating tsunamis which killed around 230,000 people from Indonesia to the coast of Africa

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

1893: Mao Zedong, co-founder of China's Communist Party, was born. He led the country from 1949-59

1901: The Uganda Railway from Mombasa to Lake Victoria, in what would become Kenya, was completed

2004: Viktor Yushchenko, Ukraine's pro-Western opposition leader, defeated Premier Viktor Yanukovich in the re-run presidential election