



Today in History

October 28, 1955

▲ **Bill Gates, American business magnate, personal computer pioneer and philanthropist, was born. The co-founder of Microsoft is the world's richest man**

1420: Beijing was officially designated the capital of the Ming dynasty

2006: Scientists announced that the genome of the honeybee *Apis mellifera* had been fully sequenced

2008: Iran opened a new naval base just outside the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow entrance to the Persian Gulf which is key to oil supplies

2011: Britain's royal succession laws were changed to prevent male heirs taking precedence to the throne