



## Today in History

*September 26, 1687*

▲ **Ancient Greece's famous temple, the Parthenon, was badly damaged by mortar bombs fired by Venetian forces besieging the Turkish-held Acropolis in Athens**

**1871:** The first American patent for portland cement was issued, a boon to Hollywood where impressions of famous hands are recorded

**1992:** The Swiss firm Swatch made its 100-millionth watch

**2000:** Violent clashes erupted in the Czech capital Prague between riot police and anti-globalisation protesters

**2009:** Families separated since the Korean War met in North Korea in the first reunions in two years