



Today in History

December 26, 2003

▲ A devastating earthquake in the Iranian city of Bam killed over 26,000 people and destroyed the 2,000-year-old citadel, the world's largest mud-brick structure

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

1993: An 11-year-old Angora cat from Seattle inherited a \$500,000 estate

2007: Six French charity workers were convicted in Chad of trying to kidnap 103 children for adoption

2009: China opened the world's longest high-speed rail route, with trains travelling at up to 350km/h between Beijing and Guangzhou, a journey of over 900km