

**Thursday, August 7**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** U.S. baseball star Barry Bonds hit his 756th home run, a new all-time record. His achievement was overshadowed, however, by claims of steroid use

**1840:** The British parliament passed an act prohibiting the employment of boys as chimney-sweeps

**1938:** Soviet director Konstantin Stanislavsky, who pioneered the “method” theory of acting, died

**2007:** Astronomers announced the discovery of the largest known planet in the universe, a giant ball 20 times larger than Earth and circling a star 1,400 light-years away