

Thursday, September 4

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2006: Ebullient Australian naturalist Steve Irwin was killed by a stingray barb to the heart while filming on the Great Barrier Reef**

1260: The Ghibellines retook the city of Florence at the battle of Monte Aperto

1886: Apache Indian chief Geronimo, leader of the last great native American rebellion, surrendered in Arizona

1970: Russian ballerina Natalia Makarova defected to the West

2007: A Eurostar train set a new record of 2 hours, 3 minutes and 39 seconds between Paris and London, on Britain's new High Speed 1 line