

**Saturday, October 25**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** After a two-year production delay, the Airbus A380 superjumbo finally took off on its first passenger flight from Singapore to Sydney

**1825:** Austrian composer Johann Strauss, famous for the *Blue Danube* and other Viennese waltzes, was born

**1920:** King Alexander of Greece died from blood poisoning after being bitten by a pet monkey

**1971:** The General Assembly of the United Nations voted to admit China to the organisation and to expel Taiwan

**2000:** Dozens of people were killed in violent demonstrations in Côte d'Ivoire