

**Sunday, October 26**

# *ON THIS DAY*



**▲ 1990: The Soviet republic of Kirghizia was officially renamed Kyrgyzstan, recalling the ancient Turkic origins of many of its people**

**1685: Italian composer Giuseppe Domenico Scarlatti was born**

**1861: The first telephone shown in public, built by Johann Philipp, was demonstrated in Frankfurt, Germany**

**1907: The Territorial Army was founded in Britain**

**2007: Former President of the Philippines Joseph Estrada, serving a life sentence for corruption, was freed after receiving a pardon from current President Gloria Arroyo**