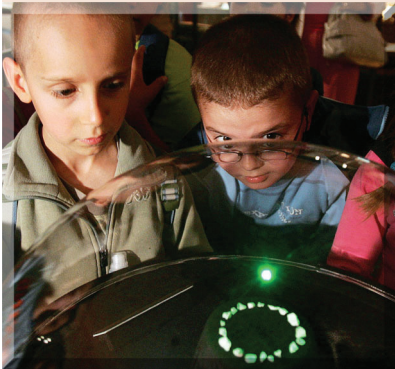


Friday, April 24

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** Jadarite, a mineral of the same composition as *Superman's* Kryptonite, was identified in a mine in Serbia

1533: William the Silent, Prince of Orange, was born. His revolt against Spanish rule helped create an autonomous Netherlands

1949: Rationing of sweets and chocolate ended in Britain

1970: China launched its first satellite into orbit

2008: Nepal's Communist Party won double the number of seats of the next largest party in the country's general election