Thursday, May 14

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2007: A new hummingbird, a blue-and-green-throated species called the gorgeted puffleg, was discovered in Colombia

1610: Henry IV of France, the first Bourbon king, was assassinated

1963: Kuwait joined the United
Nations, becoming its 111th member

1988: Iraqi jets bombed the world's biggest ship, the *Seawise Giant*, and three other tankers at the Larak oil terminal on the Strait of Hormuz in Iran

2008: The U.S. listed the polar bear as a threatened species due to rapidly declining ice levels in the Arctic as a result of global warming