

Friday, May 22

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1927: Whipsnade Zoo, the world's first "open plan" zoo, opened in Bedfordshire, England**

1455: England's 30-year War of the Roses began at St Albans

1959: The southern U.S. state of Alabama banned a children's book for showing a black rabbit marrying a white rabbit

1972: Ceylon became a republic, taking the new name of Sri Lanka

2008: Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili claimed victory for his United National Movement party in legislative elections, despite opposition claims of vote rigging