## Saturday, July 25

## ON THIS DAY



▲ 2007: Pratibha Patil was sworn in as the first woman President of India

1554: Queen Mary I of England married Philip II of Spain at Winchester

1812: Venezuela was retaken by the Spanish after its leader, Francisco de Miranda, surrendered a year after declaring independence

1959: The hovercraft first crossed the English Channel, travelling from Calais to Dover in just over 2 hours

1994: Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and King Hussein of Jordan signed an agreement in Washington to end the 46-year state of war between their two countries