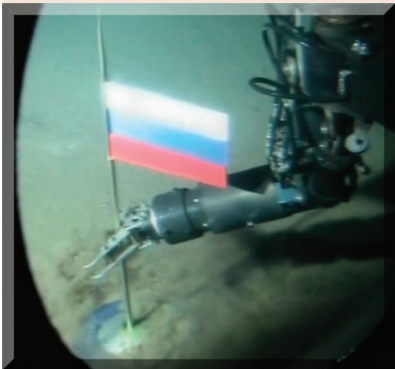


**Sunday, August 2**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2007:** Russian explorers planted a flag on the seabed at the North Pole to stake Moscow's claim to oil, gas and mineral riches under the seabed

**1754:** Pierre Charles L'Enfant, French engineer who designed the city layout of Washington DC, was born

**1936:** French aviator Louis Bleriot, the first man to fly the English Channel, died

**1980:** A terrorist bombing at the railway station at Bologna, Italy, killed 85 people

**2002:** The Angolan government and UNITA rebels declared an official end to the civil war that began in 1975