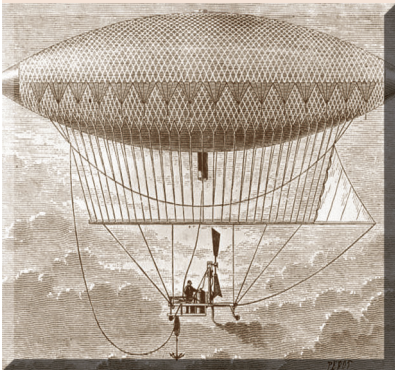


Thursday, September 24

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1852:** French engineer Henri Giffard made the first flight in a steam-powered airship, travelling 27km from Paris to Trappes

1960: The first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the *USS Enterprise*, was launched from Newport, Virginia

1980: Iraqi forces blew up the Abadan oil refinery, turning the Iran-Iraq conflict into a full-scale war

1992: Two days of flash flooding killed over 80 people in France

2008: Sudanese authorities located a group of kidnappers and the 19 hostages they had seized in Egypt four days earlier