

Friday, September 25

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1997:** The jet-powered *ThrustSSC* set a new world land speed record of 714mph in the Nevada desert, 81mph faster than the previous record

1690: The first American newspaper, *Publick Occurrences*, published its first and last edition in Boston

1932: The Spanish region of **Catalunya** was granted autonomy

1994: Swiss voters approved laws outlawing racial discrimination and denying the existence of the Holocaust

2008: Kgalema Motlanthe was sworn in as the third post-apartheid President of South Africa after Thabo Mbeki was asked to resign