

Sunday, February 7

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Australia's worst ever bushfires killed 173 people. Kinglake and Marysville, north of Melbourne, were virtually wiped from the map**

1783: Spain finally abandoned its siege of Gibraltar after more than three and a half years

1947: The main group of the Dead Sea Scrolls was discovered in caves on the shores of the Dead Sea

1971: Women in Switzerland were finally granted the right to vote

1996: Ten years after the collapse of the Duvalier family dictatorship, Rene Preval became Haiti's second freely elected president