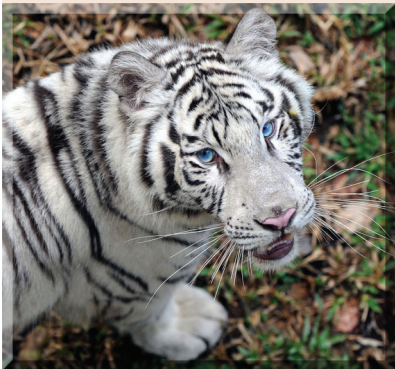


**Thursday, May 27**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2009:** A rare white tiger was euthanized after it mauled a zookeeper to death at a wildlife park in Whangarei, New Zealand

**1703:** Russian Tsar Peter the Great founded the city of St Petersburg

**1840:** Niccolò Paganini, Italian virtuoso violinist and composer, died

**1967:** Australia voted overwhelmingly to allow Aborigines constitutional recognition

**2008:** Following the earthquake in Sichuan, China evacuated 100,000 people from Mianyang as engineers prepared to drain the landslide dam-created Tangjiashan Lake