

**Friday, June 11**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2008: Dethroned King Gyanendra left the royal palace for the last time after Nepal was declared a republic**

**1910: French underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau, who invented the aqualung diving apparatus, was born**

**1955: Eighty people died when three cars crashed at Le Mans racetrack, ploughing into spectators at 150mph**

**1991: U.S. troops were evacuated from Clark air base in the Philippines as the eruption of Mount Pinatubo continued into a third day**

**2009: The World Health Organization declared a global flu pandemic, the first since the 1968 Hong Kong flu**