

Thursday, July 22

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** India and China witnessed the longest total solar eclipse of the 21st century. The period of totality lasted six minutes and 39 seconds

1890: Rose Kennedy, matriarch of an American political dynasty, was born

1933: U.S. aviation pioneer Wiley Post completed the first solo aeroplane flight around the world

1992: Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar escaped from custody while being moved to a higher-security jail

2004: Former Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao Barroso was approved as the new head of the European Commission