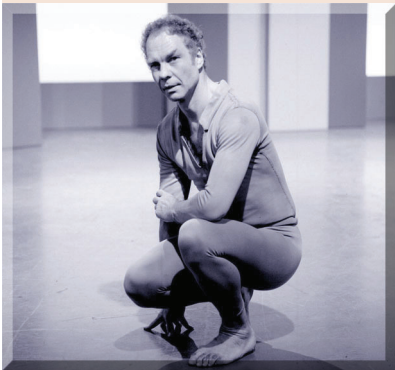


Monday, July 26

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: U.S. choreographer Merce Cunningham, widely recognised for revolutionising modern dance, died at the age of 90**

711: The Moorish domination of Spain began as Muslim forces beat the Christians at the battle of Xeres

1953: Fidel Castro led a failed assault on the Moncada barracks near Santiago de Cuba in the fight against dictator Fulgencio Batista

1965: The Maldives Islands in the Indian Ocean, a British protectorate since 1887, became independent

2009: India launched its first nuclear submarine, the INS *Arihant*