ON THIS DAY

▲ **1955: Disneyland, the world's first theme park, opened in California**

1793: Charlotte Corday, assassin of French revolutionary leader Jean-Paul Marat, was sent to the guillotine

1821: Spain ceded Florida to the United States

1911: The government of New South Wales voted in favour of constructing a bridge to link the north and south sides of Sydney Harbour

1973: King Mohammed Zahir Shah of Afghanistan was overthrown in a military coup

2005: Former British prime minister Sir Edward Heath died at the age of 89