ON THIS DAY

▲ **2005: Cyclist Lance Armstrong rode into retirement by sealing his seventh successive victory in the Tour de France**

1775: French detective Eugene Francois Vidocq, who set up the world's first detective agency, was born

1923: Turkey gave up all claims to non-Turkish territories lost in the First World War

1938: Spanish Republican forces suffered a crippling defeat at Ebro during the Civil War

2003: International peacekeepers led by Australian troops arrived to restore order in the Solomon Islands

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