

Wednesday, July 26

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** The space shuttle *Discovery* blasted off from Cape Canaveral, the first shuttle flight since the *Columbia* disaster in 2003

**1745:** The first recorded women's cricket match was played

**1847:** Liberia became the first independent republic in Africa

**1882:** Wagner's opera *Parsifal* was first performed at Bayreuth in Germany

**1952:** Eva Peron, celebrated first lady of Argentina, died of cancer at the age of 33

**1993:** A draft of South Africa's first post-apartheid constitution was presented to democracy negotiators

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