

Friday, August 25

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2001:** Grammy-nominated R&B singer Aaliyah, aged 22, was killed in a plane crash in the Bahamas

1718: French colonists founded the city of New Orleans in Louisiana

1825: Uruguay declared independence from Brazil

1989: The *Voyager 2* spacecraft transmitted the first pictures of the giant planet Neptune and its moon Triton

2004: Sir Mark Thatcher, son of former British premier Margaret Thatcher, was arrested in South Africa on suspicion of providing financial aid in a plot to overthrow the government of Equatorial Guinea