

Tuesday, August 29

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** Hurricane Katrina devastated the U.S. Gulf Coast, causing at least 1,800 deaths, mostly in New Orleans, 80% of which was flooded after the city's levees failed

1782: Over 800 died when the British warship *Royal George* sank at Spithead while repairs were being carried out just below the water-line

1896: The Chinese-American dish chop suey was invented in New York

1960: Australian swimmer Dawn Fraser became the first woman to retain the Olympic 100 metres freestyle title

1991: The Soviet Supreme Court banned the Communist Party