

**Monday, March 9**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1796: Napoleon Bonaparte married Josephine de Beauharnais, the widow of an officer executed in the revolution**

**1842: The first performance of Verdi's opera *Nabucco* took place**

**1864: General Ulysses S. Grant was appointed commander-in-chief of the Union armies in the U.S. Civil War**

**1988: Richard C. Adams, who in 1940 invented the paint-roller, died**

**2008: Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's ruling Socialist Party won Spain's general election, though short of the 176 seats needed for an absolute parliamentary majority**