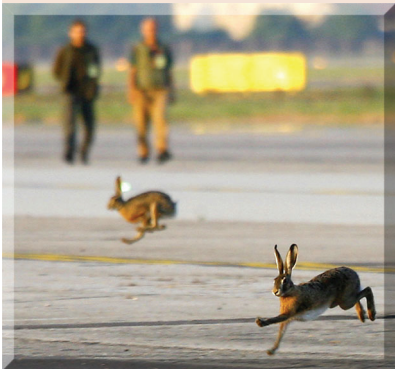


**Wednesday, June 17**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** Milan's Linate Airport was closed for three hours at dawn to allow wildlife experts to trap 80 hares which were confusing ground radar and other vital equipment

**1703:** John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, was born

**1885:** The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City aboard the French ship *Isere*

**1967:** China exploded its first hydrogen bomb

**2008:** President Nicolas Sarkozy announced that France would return to the military structure of NATO for the first time since 1966