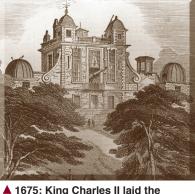# ON THIS DAY

▲ **1675:** King Charles II laid the foundation stone of London's Royal Observatory, to improve knowledge of the stars and thus aid navigation

1787: Mozart completed his popular *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*

1809: Ecuador struck its first blow for independence from Spain

1921: Future U.S. president Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio while at his summer home at Campobello

2008: Bolivian president Evo Morales won a recall vote following a power struggle with regional governors who wanted more autonomy and opposed Morales's land reforms