

Wednesday, March 17

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1938:** Russian dancer Rudolf Nureyev, one of the greatest ballet stars of the 20th century, was born

1649: Oliver Cromwell declared England to be a Commonwealth and abolished the monarchy

1899: The classic Neapolitan song *O Sole Mio* was published

1999: Six members of the International Olympic Committee were officially expelled for accepting bribes

2009: Madagascar's military installed Andry Rajoelina as President. He replaced Marc Ravalomanana, who was ousted in a coup led by Rajoelina in January