

Thursday, February 17

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1673:** French actor and playwright Molière died after collapsing on stage during a performance of his play *Le Malade Imaginaire*

1653: Composer Arcangelo Corelli was born in Fusignano, Italy

1919: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the first French-Canadian prime minister of Canada, from 1896-1911, died

1972: Britain's House of Commons voted to join the European Community

2009: The long-awaited trial of former Khmer Rouge leaders got underway in Phnom Penh, 30 years after the fall of the regime blamed for the deaths of 1.7 million Cambodians