

**Saturday, April 9**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1926:** Hugh Hefner, eccentric American publisher of *Playboy* magazine, was born

**1553:** Francois Rabelais, French satirical writer and former monk, died

**1945:** The *USS Liberty* blew up in Bari harbour, Italy, killing around 360 people

**1990:** The Hungarian Democratic Forum swept to power in elections, ending 40 years of communist rule

**2010:** Physicists based at a particle accelerator in Russia created six atoms of a new, super-heavy element, 117, filling in a gap in chemistry's periodic table