

Monday, March 13

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** Luciano Pavarotti received an 11-minute ovation as he gave his farewell performance in Puccini's *Tosca* at the Met in New York

1454: Johannes Gutenberg, pioneer of movable type, printed his first Bible

1619: Elizabethan actor Richard Burbage, who created many of the great Shakespearean roles, died

1974: Charles de Gaulle airport was inaugurated in Paris

1992: The final issue of the Soviet Communist Party paper *Pravda*, founded by Lenin, was published

2004: Iran suspended international inspection of its nuclear facilities
