

Friday, March 17

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2001:** The world's largest greenhouse opened at the Eden Project in Cornwall, England

1845: The elastic band was patented by Stephen Perry of London, made from vulcanized rubber, itself patented only the previous year

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

1958: *Vanguard I*, the second U.S. satellite to orbit the Earth, was launched from Cape Canaveral

2005: The Bush administration nominated U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defence Paul Wolfowitz to head the World Bank