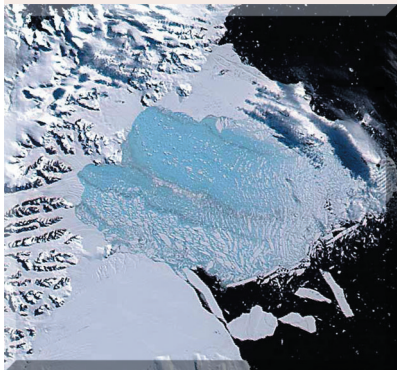


Sunday, March 19

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2002:** The Larsen B Antarctic ice shelf broke apart in under a month

721BC: The Babylonians observed the first recorded eclipse, according to Egyptian historian Ptolemy

1964: The Great St Bernard Tunnel under the Alps between Switzerland and Italy was opened to traffic

1970: The leaders of West and East Germany, Willy Brandt and Willi Stoph, met at Erfurt in the first east-west meeting since Germany was divided

2005: Wales won its first rugby union grand slam in 27 years, defeating Ireland in the final match of the Six Nations championship