

Friday, March 31

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1917:** The U.S. bought the Danish West Indies for \$25 million and renamed them the U.S. Virgin Islands

1855: Charlotte Bronte, author of *Jane Eyre*, died in pregnancy

1959: The Dalai Lama fled Chinese repression in Tibet and was granted political asylum in India

1990: A rally against a new and unpopular poll tax turned into a violent riot in the heart of London

2005: Terri Schiavo, a severely brain-damaged Florida woman, died 13 days after her feeding tube was removed. Her case had been the subject of an intense legal battle