

Saturday, June 10

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** Legendary R&B musician Ray Charles died from acute liver disease at the age of 73

1692: The first of 19 people were hanged at Salem, Massachusetts, following the notorious witch hunt trials

1943: Hungarian journalist Laszlo Biro patented his ball-point pen

1965: A BEA de Havilland jet flying from Paris to London made the first landing by automatic control

2005: Flash flooding in Heilongjiang province in China drowned at least 92 people, at least 88 of them primary schoolchildren, after eight inches of rain fell in just 40 minutes