

Monday, October 23

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** Saplings of Wollemi pine, a tree nibbled by dinosaurs and, until 1994, believed to have been extinct for 90 million years, were sold at auction in Sydney, Australia

1707: The first Parliament of Great Britain, representing the united England and Scotland, met for the first time

1950: Al Jolson, star of the first talking picture, *The Jazz Singer*, died

1958: Russian author Boris Pasternak was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for his novel *Doctor Zhivago*

2005: Brazilians soundly rejected a proposal to ban gun sales in a national referendum