

Friday, December 12

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2006:** Leading climatologists warned most of the Arctic icecap will have melted by 2040 and the North Pole will be in open sea in summer

1792: Franz Joseph Haydn gave a first lesson in music composition to Ludwig van Beethoven, aged 22

1901: Italian scientist Guglielmo Marconi successfully transmitted the first transatlantic radio signal

1936: Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek declared war on Japan

2007: Rock pioneer Ike Turner, whose legacy was overshadowed by his abusive behaviour towards his former wife, Tina Turner, died at 76