

Thursday, December 18

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1916: U.S. film actress Betty Grable, whose shapely legs were famously insured for \$1 million each, was born**

1912: The fossilised remains of “Piltdown Man”, later revealed to be a hoax, were found in southern England

1972: The U.S. began its heaviest bombing of North Vietnam to date

1991: The first international project to save the world’s rainforests was launched in Brazil

2007: Jacob Zuma was elected president of South Africa’s ruling African National Congress party, defeating incumbent Thabo Mbeki