

Monday, January 12

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1966:** A certain caped crusader winged his way from comic books to the small screen as *Batman* made its debut on U.S. television

1580: Belgian chemist Jan Baptist van Helmont, who used the melting point of ice and the boiling point of water as standards for temperature, was born

1866: The Royal Aeronautical Society of Great Britain was founded

1992: Russia and Ukraine agreed to divide the Black Sea fleet

2007: Seven people died when a tunnel for a new underground station in Sao Paulo, Brazil, collapsed, opening up a huge crater