

Sunday, April 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008:** Hollywood star Charlton Heston, best known for his role in the Oscar-laden *Ben Hur*, died at 84

1794: French revolutionary leader Georges Jacques Danton was guillotined for treason

1874: Johann Strauss's opera *Die Fledermaus* received its premiere in Vienna, Austria

1995: Israel launched its first spy satellite, the *Ofek 3*, which blasted into space aboard an Israeli Shavit rocket

2008: Texas authorities took 183 women and children into protective custody from a ranch belonging to a breakaway Mormon sect