

Saturday, May 16

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008:** An IAAF ban on South African double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius was overturned, clearing the way for his attempt to compete in the Olympic Games

1763: French chemist Louis-Nicolas Vauquelin, who discovered chromium and beryllium, was born

1881: The first electric tram went into public service near Berlin, Germany

1969: The Russian spacecraft *Venus 5* landed on the planet Venus

2008: A new report claimed that numbers of birds, animals, marine and freshwater creatures had fallen by more than a quarter since 1970