

Thursday, December 10

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1901:** The first Nobel Prizes were awarded on the fifth anniversary of the death of their founder, Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel

1910: French physicist George Claude demonstrated his first practical neon lamp to the public in Paris

1967: Soul singer Otis Redding was killed in a plane crash in Wisconsin

1996: Nelson Mandela signed South Africa's post-apartheid constitution in Sharpeville

2008: The Channel Island of Sark, a British crown dependency, held its first democratic elections under a plan to abolish feudalism