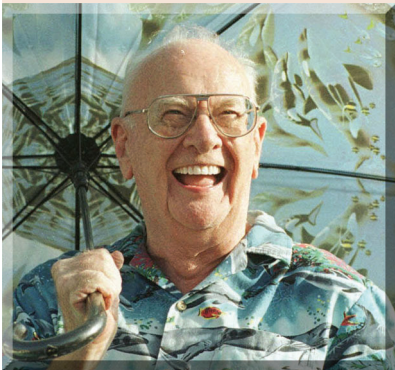


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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: British science fiction writer Sir Arthur C. Clarke died in his adopted home of Sri Lanka, aged 90**

1953: The Academy Awards ceremony was televised for the first time

1964: The Great St Bernard Tunnel linking Switzerland and Italy beneath the Alps was opened to traffic

1996: Sarajevo became a united city again after four years when Bosnian and Croat authorities took control of the last district held by Serbs

2009: Josef Fritzl was jailed for life after a jury in Austria found him guilty of raping and imprisoning his daughter for more than two decades