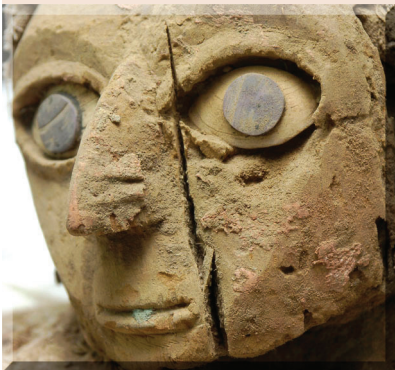


Thursday, December 16

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008:** The ruins of an entire city were discovered in northern Peru. The site was thought to date to the Wari culture which ruled the Andes from the 7th to the 12th centuries

1850: The *Charlotte Jane* docked at Lyttelton, becoming the first immigrant ship to arrive in New Zealand

1969: Britain's parliament voted to abolish the death penalty

1980: OPEC countries increased oil prices by 10 percent

2009: Mexican drug lord Arturo Beltran Leyva, leader of the Beltran Leyva Cartel, was shot dead by Mexican security forces