

Thursday, October 8

# ON THIS DAY



▲ Today is celebrated as **Confucius Day** in China

**1469:** Florentine painter Fra Filippo Lippi, one of the most important early renaissance painters, died

**1957:** Jerry Lee Lewis recorded *Great Balls of Fire* at Sun Studios in Memphis, Tennessee

**1997:** Three years after the death of his father, Kim Il Sung, Kim Jong Il officially succeeded him as leader of North Korea

**2008:** The British government announced a bank rescue package worth up to £50 billion, about £2,000 per taxpayer