

**Wednesday, December 9**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2008: Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich was arrested on charges that he tried to sell the U.S. Senate seat vacated by President-elect Barack Obama**

**1621: The Fortune, the first theatre built in London, was destroyed by fire**

**1931: A Republican constitution was proclaimed in Spain**

**1990: Former Solidarity trade union leader Lech Walesa won a landslide victory in Poland's presidential election**

**2008: A 16-year study by German astronomers confirmed the presence of a giant black hole at the centre of our galaxy**