

Saturday, December 19

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1999: China resumed sovereignty over the territory of Macao after 442 years of Portuguese colonial rule**

1848: English writer Emily Bronte, author of *Wuthering Heights*, died from consumption at the age of 30

1906: Leonid Brezhnev was born; he was the longest-serving leader of the Soviet Union after Joseph Stalin

1997: Janet Jagan was sworn in as the first woman president of Guyana

2008: U.S. President George W. Bush announced a \$17.4bn emergency bailout of the automobile industry to protect General Motors and Chrysler from bankruptcy