

Wednesday, August 25

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Veteran U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy, youngest of a dynasty that defined American liberal politics for a generation, died at age 77 after a year-long battle with brain cancer**

1530: Ivan the Terrible, the first Tsar of all the Russias, was born

1875: Matthew Webb became the first person to swim the English Channel, taking just under 22 hours

1964: Kenneth Kaunda became president-designate of Zambia, formerly Northern Rhodesia

2009: South Korea launched its first space rocket, *Naro-1*, but failed to put its satellite into its planned orbit