

Sunday, September 26

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** Film director Roman Polanski was arrested in Switzerland and faced extradition to the U.S. for a sex offence committed in 1977

1580: Francis Drake became the first Briton to circumnavigate the globe, aboard *The Golden Hind*

1687: The Parthenon in Athens was severely damaged in a mortar attack by Venetian forces

1937: American blues singer Bessie Smith died following a car crash

2009: Tropical Storm Ketsana scythed across the Philippines, killing 400 people and displacing 450,000 in Metro Manila alone