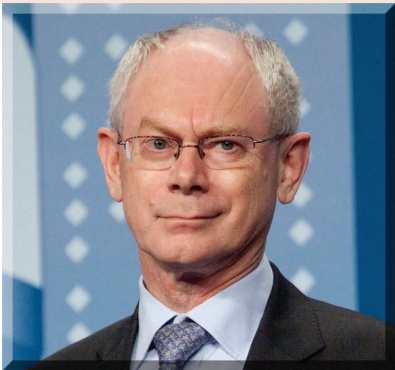


**Friday, November 19**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2009: Belgian premier Herman van Rompuy was elected as the first President of the European Union**

**1863: U.S. President Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address, considered oratory perfection**

**1978: More than 900 followers of the Reverend Jim Jones committed suicide in Guyana**

**1990: Leaders of NATO and the Warsaw Pact declared the end of the Cold War – 20 years ago today**

**2008: Surgeons in Spain carried out the world's first whole organ transplant, using a trachea made with the patient's own stem cells**