Wednesday, September 24

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1776: The St Leger, the world's oldest classic turf race, was run for the first time at Doncaster. England

1834: King Pedro IV of Portugal died. Better known as Dom Pedro, he also founded the Brazilian Empire and ruled it from 1822-31

1896: Author F. Scott Fitzgerald was born in St. Paul, Minnesota

1990: East Germany, once Moscow's chief frontline ally, left the Warsaw Pact

2007: Ongoing demonstrations against the military junta in Myanmar culminated in a march in Yangon by an estimated 100,000 protesters, led by some 20,000 Buddhist monks