Tuesday, May 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1818: Karl Marx, philosopher, revolutionary and co-founder of communism, was born

1274: Italian poet Dante Alighieri met Beatrice Portinari, who would become his muse, for the first time

1860: Giuseppe Garibaldi and his "Thousand Redshirts" sailed from Genoa to conquer Sicily and Naples

1981: Bobby Sands became the first of 10 jailed IRA hunger strikers to die in Northern Ireland's Maze prison

2003: Silvio Berlusconi became the first Italian prime minister to testify as a criminal defendant when he gave evidence in his bribery trial