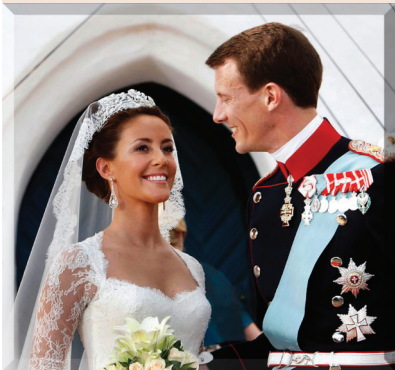


Sunday, May 24

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: Prince Joachim of Denmark married for the second time, to Marie Cavallier from Paris, France**

1822: Spanish royalists were defeated at the battle of Pichincha, securing the independence of Quito, later Ecuador

1844: Samuel Morse transmitted the world's first telegraph message "What hath God wrought?"

1941: The British cruiser HMS *Hood* was sunk by the German battleship *Bismarck*, killing over 1,300 men

1982: Iranian troops recaptured Khorramshahr after 20 months of Iraqi occupation during the Iran-Iraq war