Tuesday, January 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1938: King Juan Carlos I of Spain was born. He came to the throne after Franco's death in 1975 and has since steered Spain to democracy

1477: Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, was defeated and killed by Swiss forces at the Battle of Nancy

1855: King Camp Gillette, inventor of the safety razor, was born

1971: Salvador Allende's socialist government in Chile agreed to establish diplomatic relations with China

2004: Astronomers reported that the giant star LBV 1806-20 was at least 150 times bigger and five million times brighter than the Sun