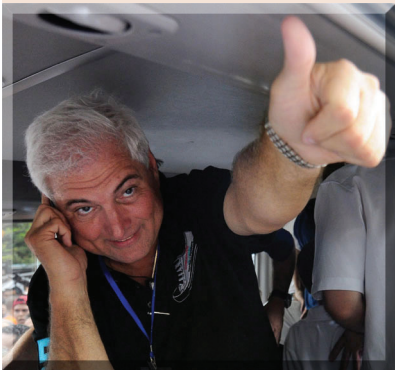


Monday, May 3

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Ricardo Martinelli of the Democratic Change party was elected president of Panama**

1494: Christopher Columbus first sighted the island which would later be named Jamaica

1951: The Festival of Britain, intended to brighten the drab post-war era, opened in London

1971: Erich Honecker succeeded Walter Ulbricht as First Secretary of the Communist Party in East Germany

2009: The French Navy seized 11 Somali pirates after they apparently mistook a French military vessel for a commercial ship