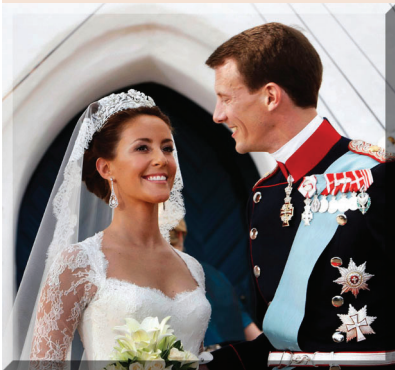


Monday, May 24

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

2009: Brazilian driver Helio Castroneves joined an exclusive club by winning the Indianapolis 500 motor race for a third time