Sunday, September 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1940: Curvaceous movie star Raquel Welch was born in Chicago as Jo-Raquel Tejada. She is 70 today

1638: Louis XIV of France, the "Sun King", was born. He built the Palace of Versailles and presided over an age of great French literature, art and music

1905: The Treaty of Portsmouth ended the Russo-Japanese War

1991: The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formally dissolved after 70 years

2008: Tropical Storm Hanna claimed over 500 lives in Haiti, almost all in the port city of Gonaïves, which suffered catastrophic destruction