

Wednesday, May 10

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1869:** The U.S. Pacific railroad was completed when the Union Pacific and Central Pacific lines were joined at Promontory, Utah

1566: German physician and botanist Leonhard Fuchs, after whom the Fuchsia plant is named, died

1881: Carol I was crowned as the first King of Romania

1996: Australia introduced tough new firearms laws in the wake of the massacre at Port Arthur in Tasmania

2005: Sixty years after World War II ended in Europe, Germany unveiled its *Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe* at a ceremony in Berlin