▲ **1949: Actress Meryl Streep was born in New Jersey. To date she has won two Academy Awards, and has been nominated a record 13 times**

1611: English explorer Henry Hudson was set adrift in Hudson Bay with his son and others of his crew by mutineers

1940: France signed terms of surrender with Germany

1999: Australian Jelena Dokic, 16, sprang a major upset at Wimbledon by defeating top seed Martina Hingis 6-2, 6-0, in the opening round

2004: South Korean translator Kim Sun-Il was beheaded by kidnappers in Iraq

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