

Sunday, May 31

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1859: Big Ben, the bell in the clock tower of Britain's Parliament, first rang out over London**

1809: Prolific Austrian composer Franz Josef Haydn died at age 77

1910: Natal, the Transvaal and Cape of Good Hope came together to form the Union of South Africa

1923: Prince Rainier III of Monaco was born. He transformed Monaco from a gambling paradise into a booming international business centre

2008: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt ran 9.72 seconds to set a new world record in the 100 metres at the Reebok Grand Prix in New York City