



Today in History

May 19, 1861

▲ Australian operatic soprano Dame Nellie Melba was born in Melbourne. The great French chef Auguste Escoffier created the dessert Peach Melba in her honour

1906: The Simplon Tunnel through the Alps was officially opened

1919: Mustafa Kemal Atatürk landed on the Anatolian Black Sea coast, initiating the Turkish War of Independence

1982: Actress Sophia Loren was jailed for a month in Naples for tax evasion

2004: Lulu the kangaroo became the first marsupial to win the RSPCA's National Award for Valour for saving the life of her owner