Monday, May 13, 2024

On This Date

1637 – French Cardinal Richelieu invented the table knife by rounding off the points of the hunting daggers commonly used at the dinner table.

1905 – Seven-time boxing world heavyweight champion James J. Jeffries retired. He was defeated when he attempted a comeback several years later.

1938 – Louis Armstrong and his band recorded "When the Saints Go Marching In." He had been playing the song at jazz funerals for years.



1940 – In his first speech as British prime minister, Winston Churchill declared, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat."

You Don't Say!

After the Norman Conquest in 1066, the French language replaced English in all powerful domains. French was used by the royal court, the clergy, the aristocracy, and in law courts. Even so, the population continued to speak English.

Quote of the Day

"When I was growing up, I always knew that if I ever got anything, I was going to give back as much as I can."

~ Darius Rucker

Happy Birthday!

Darius Rucker, born in 1966, is an accomplished American musician who rose to fame in the '90s as the lead singer of Hootie & the Blowfish. Rucker later transitioned to a successful solo country career.

His debut country album, *Learn to Live*, included hits like "Don't Think I Don't Think About It" and "Alright."



Rucker's warm baritone voice has defined his country sound. Beyond music, Rucker is known for his philanthropy for children's charities and his close-knit family life. He has three children with his ex-wife, Beth Leonard.