



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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## On This Date

**1429** – The six-month Siege of Orléans ended when French troops led by 17-year-old Joan of Arc drove the English from the city.



**1945** – The Allied Forces achieved victory in Europe with the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany in Berlin. The triumph coincided with the 61st birthday of U.S. president Harry Truman.

**1978** – Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler reached the summit of Mount Everest. They were the first men known to climb Everest without the use of oxygen tanks.

## Calendar Trivia

In Old English, the month of May was called *Thrimilce* (“three milks”)—the season when a cow could be milked three times between sunrise and evening.



## Quote of the Day

“Today’s teardrops are tomorrow’s rainbows.”

~ *Ricky Nelson*

## Happy Birthday!

**Ricky Nelson** (1940–1985) was an American singer, songwriter, and actor known for being a teen idol in the 1950s. With hits like “Travelin’ Man,” “Hello Mary Lou,” and “Poor Little Fool,” Nelson became a chart-topping sensation, leaving an indelible mark on early rock and roll. Ricky’s transition from a family sitcom (*The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*) to a successful music career was seamless. His smooth voice and charismatic stage presence defined an era, influencing future generations of musicians. Tragically, Nelson died in a plane crash on New Year’s Eve 1985.

