

Sunday, May 30

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1431: French heroine Joan of Arc was burned at the stake for heresy**

1848: Mexico ceded New Mexico, California, and parts of Nevada, Utah, Arizona and Colorado to the United States in return for a payment of \$15m

1966: The unmanned U.S. spacecraft *Surveyor 1* landed on the moon

1989: Pro-democracy protesters in Beijing erected a 30ft styrofoam statue, the Goddess of Democracy, in Tiananmen Square

2009: Pakistan's military said it had regained full control of Mingora, the largest town in the Swat Valley, from the Taliban