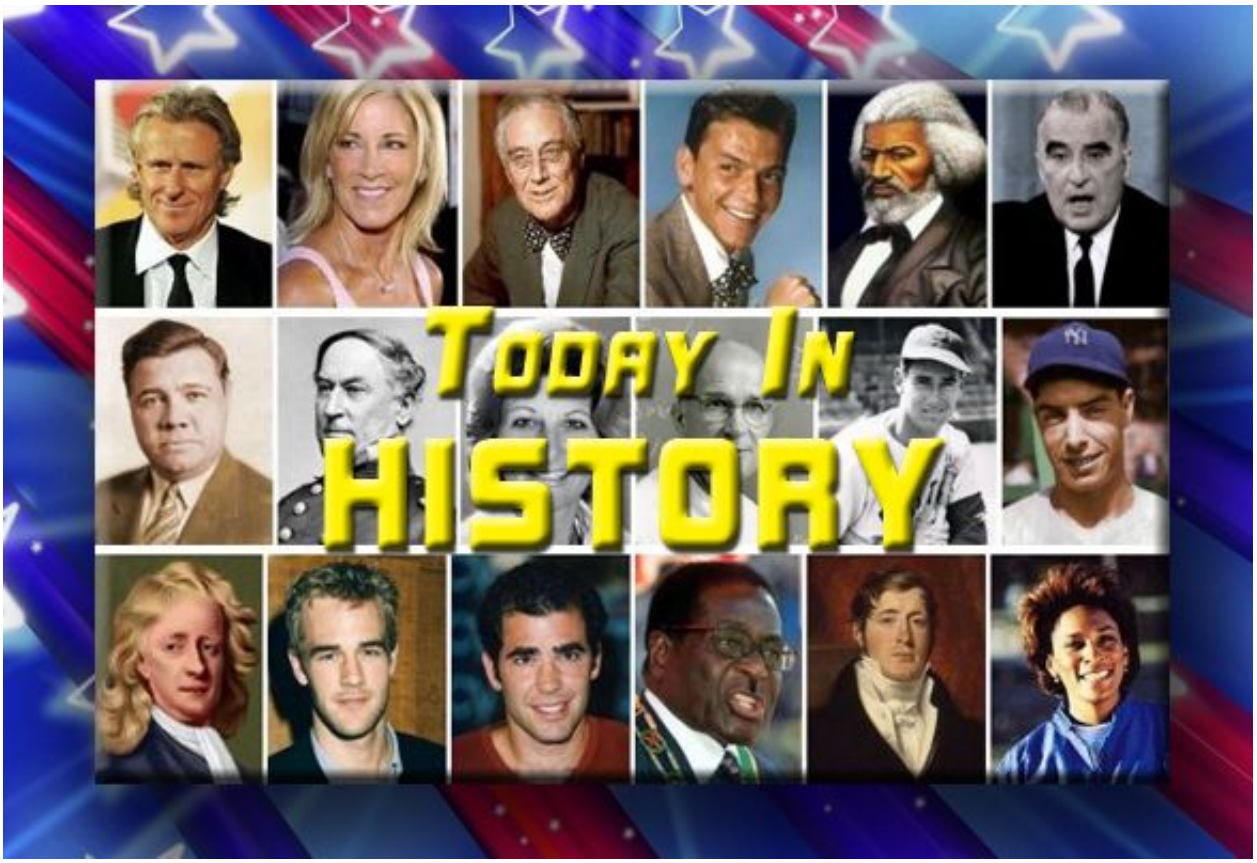

Today In History – August 1

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August 1 is the 213th day of the year (214th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 152 days remaining until the end of the year.

Our on this day in history archives contain over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:

EVENTS

30 BC - Octavian, later known as Augustus Caesar, enters Alexandria, Egypt, bringing the city under the control of the Roman Republic. Mark Antony commits suicide on the same day.

69 - Batavian rebellion: The Batavians in Germania Inferior (present-day Netherlands), revolt under leadership of Gaius Julius Civilis.

527 – Justinian I becomes Byzantine Emperor.

607 – Ono no Imoko is dispatched as envoy to the Sui court in China (Traditional Japanese date: July 3, 607).

1192 - King Richard I of England enters Jaffa and defeats the army of Saladin.

1291 – The Swiss Confederation is formed.

1461 - Edward IV is crowned king of England.

1492 – Ferdinand and Isabella drive the Jews out of Spain.

1498 – Christopher Columbus becomes the first European to visit Venezuela.

1619 – The first African slaves arrive in Jamestown, Virginia.

1664 – The Ottoman Empire is defeated in the Battle of Saint Gotthard by an Austrian army led by Raimondo Montecuccoli, resulting in the Peace of Vasvár.

1714 – Queen Anne of Great Britain dies, without any surviving children. George of Hanover succeeds her.

1747 - In reaction to the Second Jacobite uprising, kilts and tartan are banned in Scotland.

1759 – Seven Years' War: In the Battle of Minden, Great Britain, Hanover and Prussia defeat a force from France and Saxony.

1774 – The element oxygen is discovered by Carl Wilhelm and Joseph Priestley.

1776 – Formal signing of the United States Declaration of Independence.

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1798 – Battle of the Nile starts between French and British fleets.

1800 – The Act of Union of 1800 is signed, by which the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland are to merge.

1820 – London's Regent's Canal opens.

1831 – London Bridge opens.

1832 – The Black Hawk War ends.

1834 – Slavery is abolished in the British Empire.

1838 – Slaves in Trinidad and Tobago are emancipated.

1844 - Berlin Zoo opens for the first time.

1855 – First successful climb of the Dufourspitze in Switzerland.

1864 – The Elgin Watch Company is founded in Elgin, Illinois

1876 – Colorado is admitted as the 38th U.S. state.

1891 – Switzerland celebrates its national holiday on this date for the first time.

1894 – The First Sino-Japanese War erupts between Japan and China over Korea.

1901 – 1950

1902 – The United States buys the rights to the Panama Canal from France.

1907 – First Scout camp opens on Brownsea Island.

1914 – Germany declares war on Russia at the opening of World War I.

1927 – The Nanchang Uprising marks the first significant battle in the Chinese Civil War between the Kuomintang and Communist Party of China. This day is commemorated as the anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army.

1936 – The Berlin 1936 Summer Olympics open.

1937 – Tito reads the resolution "Manifesto of constitutional congress of KPH" to the constitutive congress of KPH (Croatian Communist Party) in woods near Samobor.

1941 – The first Jeep is produced.

1944 – Anne Frank makes the last entry in her diary.

1944 – Warsaw Uprising against the Nazi occupation breaks out in Warsaw, Poland.

1945 – Mel Ott becomes the third member of the 500 home run club with a home run at the Polo Grounds in New York, New York.

1946 – The Japanese Federation of Trade Unions is formed.

1948 – The U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations is founded.

1951 – 2000

1952 – Asgeir Asgeirsson becomes President of Iceland.

1956 - Belgium becomes the last European country to introduce the driving test.

1957 – The United States and Canada form the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

1960 – Dahomey (later renamed Benin) declares independence from France

1960 – Communist PAI is banned in Senegal.

1960 – Islamabad is declared the federal capital of the Government of Pakistan.

1961 – Six Flags Over Texas, the first Six Flags park, opens.

1965 – Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands announces her engagement to Claus von Amsberg.

1966 – Charles Whitman kills 15 people shooting from a tower at the University of Texas in Austin, in the United States, before being killed by the police.

1966 – Purges of intellectuals and imperialists becomes official People's Republic of China policy at the beginning of the Cultural Revolution.

1967 – Israel annexes East Jerusalem.

1968 – Coronation of Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei.

1968 – Kristjan Eldjarn becomes President of Iceland.

1970 – Powder Ridge Rock Festival

1971 – George Harrison's Concert for Bangladesh in New York City features, among others, Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton, Ringo Starr and Leon Russell.

1971 – Apollo 15 astronauts discover rocks which could date back to the origin of the Moon.

1974 – Cyprus dispute: The UN Security Council authorises the UN Peacekeeping Force to create the Green Line splitting the island in two.

1976 – Racing driver Niki Lauda is left in a critical condition after a crash in the German Grand Prix. He survives the crash.

1980 – Vigdis Finnbogadottir becomes President of Iceland.

1980 - A train crash in County Cork, Republic of Ireland, kills 18 people.

1981 – First broadcasts by MTV. The first video played was "Video Killed The Radio Star" by the Buggles.

1993 - The Great Mississippi and Missouri Rivers Flood of 1993 is at its worst.

1994 – Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley confirm rumors that they had married eleven weeks earlier.

1996 – Olafur Ragnar Grimsson becomes President of Iceland.

1996 – Olympic Games: Michael Johnson wins the 200 meters in 19.32 seconds, beating the old world record by over 0.3 seconds.

2000 – Moshe Katsav becomes President of Israel.

2001 – An agreement is reached on the position of the minority Albanian language in the Republic of Macedonia.

2001 – Bulgaria, Cyprus, Latvia, Malta, Slovenia and Slovakia join the European Environment Agency.

2001 – Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore has a 2 1⁄2-ton Ten Commandments monument installed in the rotunda of the judiciary building, leading to a lawsuit to have it removed and his own removal from office.

2004 – A supermarket fire kills 215 people and injures 300 in Asunción, Paraguay.

2005 – German spelling reform of 1996 is formally implemented.

2005 – King Fahd of Saudi Arabia dies. His half-brother, Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, succeeds him.

2005 – Disneyland Resort Line of the Hong Kong MTR opens to public.

2007 – The I-35 Mississippi River Bridge spanning the Mississippi in Minneapolis, Minnesota, collapses during evening rush hour.

2008 - A solar eclipse is visible over most of Europe and Asia, with totality passing over the Arctic, Russia and China.

2008 - 11 mountaineers die in an accident on K2, in the deadliest incident on the world's second-highest mountain.

2009 – Corazon Aquino, former President of the Philippines, dies at the age of 76.

2009 – A shooting attack at a Gay and Lesbian association in Tel-Aviv, Israel, kills 2 people.

2013 - An Italian court confirms the prison sentence for former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi on charges of tax fraud.

2013 - Edward Snowden is given temporary asylum in Russia, leaving the transit area of a Moscow airport, five-and-a-half weeks after landing there.

2013 - 2013 Cleveland, Ohio, missing trio: Ariel Castro is sentenced to life in prison for kidnapping Amanda Berry, Gina de Jesus and Michelle Knight, and holding them captive in his house for around a decade. He commits suicide on September 3.

2016 - Guðni Th. Jóhannesson becomes President of Iceland.

2017 - Jacinda Ardern becomes leader of the New Zealand Labour Party; she becomes Prime Minister of New Zealand less than three months later.

2017 - Shahid Khaqan Abbasi becomes Prime Minister of Pakistan.

2017 - A bomb attack in Herat, Afghanistan, kills 20 people.

2018 - Violent clashes occur in Harare over a delay in the announcement of Zimbabwe's Presidential election result.

2019 - A Houthi missile attack on a military parade in Aden, Yemen, kills 32 people.

2019 - The residents of Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, England, are told to leave their homes because a local dam is in danger of collapse.