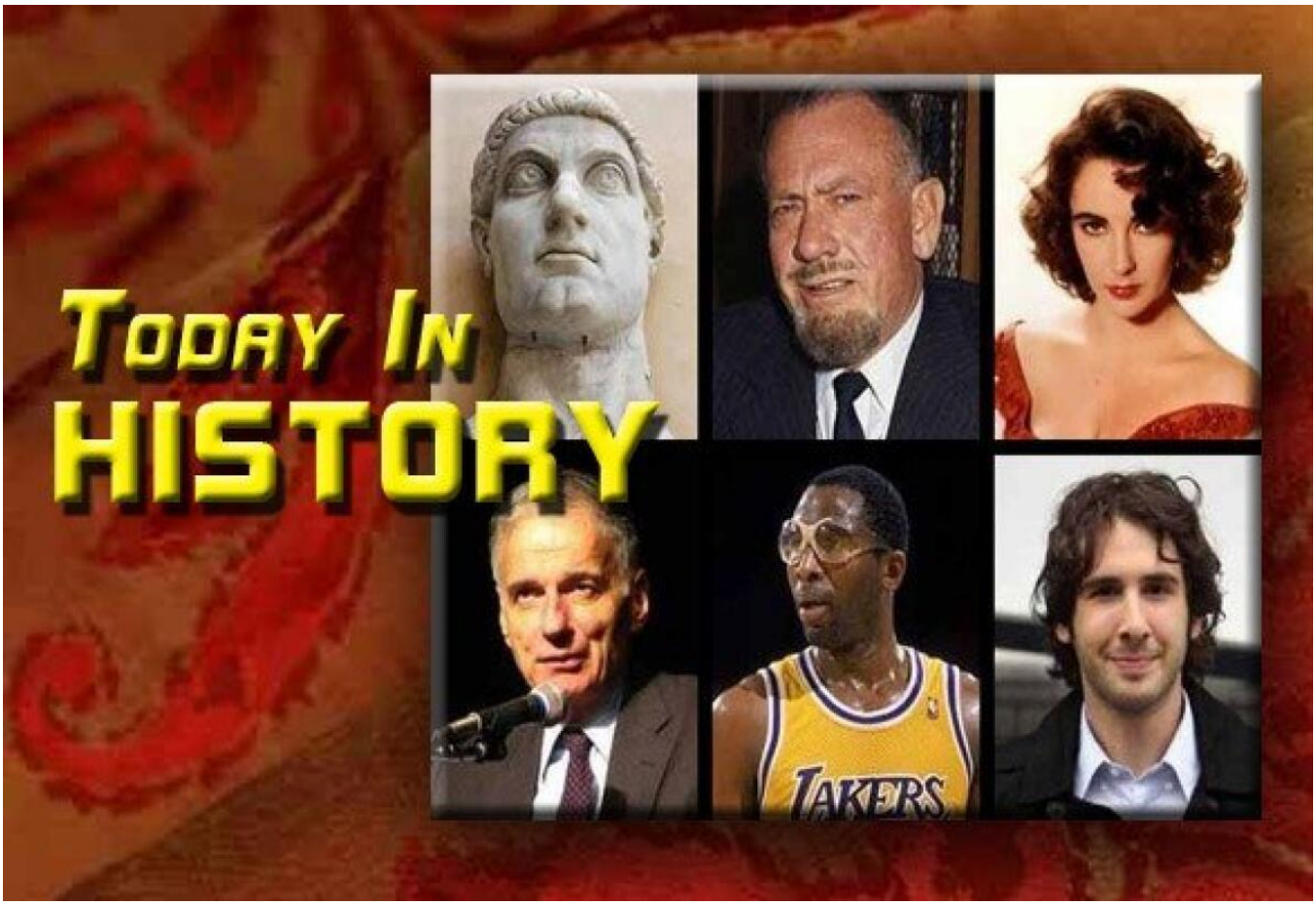


Today In History – October 23

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Today in History in 1850 The first National Women's Rights Convention begins in Worcester, Massachusetts; 1946 in New York, the UN General Assembly meets for the first time; and in 1995 Yolanda Saldivar is convicted of murdering the singer Selena on March 31 of the same year.

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October 23 is the 296th day of the year (297th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 69 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

42 BC - Roman civil wars: Second Battle of Philippi - Mark Antony and Octavian defeat the army of Marcus Junius Brutus, who commits suicide shortly after.

425 – Valentinian III becomes Roman Emperor, at the age of 6.

1086 - Battle of az-Zallaqah: The army of Yusuf ibn Tashfa defeats forces of King Alfonso VI of Castile.

1157 - The Battle of Grathe-Heath ends the civil war in Denmark. King Sweyn III is killed and Valdemar I of Denmark takes over.

1295 – Scotland and France sign the first treaty of the 'Auld Alliance' in Paris, against England.

1520 - Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor is crowned in Aachen.

1642 – English Civil War: The Battle of Edgehill

1707 – The first parliament of Great Britain meets.

1739 - War of Jenkins' Ear: British Prime Minister Robert Walpole reluctantly declares war on Spain.

1812 - Charles Francois de Malet, a French general, begins a conspiracy to overthrow then-Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, by falsely claiming that he (Napoleon) had died in his attempt to conquer Russia.

1850 - The first National Women's Rights Convention begins in Worcester, Massachusetts.

1864 - American Civil War: Union forces defeat the Confederates in the Battle of Westport.

1870 - Franco-Prussian War: The Siege of Metz concludes with a decisive Prussian victory.

1906 – Alberto Santos-Dumont flies an aircraft in the first heavier-than-air flight, in Paris.

1912 – The Battle of Kumanovo between Russian and Ottoman forces begins.

1915 - 25,000 to 33,000 women march on Fifth Avenue in New York City to advocate their right to vote.

1917 - Vladimir Lenin calls for the October Revolution in Russia.

1929 – Great Depression: The first signs of panic show.

1940 - Norwegian Hurtigruten passenger steamer Prinsesse Ragnhild sinks after an explosion off northern Norway, killing 299 people on board.

1941 – World War II: Georgy Zhukov takes command of the Red Army operation to prevent the Nazis' further advances into Russia.

1942 – World War II: The Second Battle of El Alamein takes place, as the British Eighth Army begins an offensive to expel the Axis armies from Egypt.

1942 - World War II: The Battle of Henderson Field begins in the Guadalcanal Campaign, lasting until October 26.

1944 – World War II: The Red Army enters Hungary.

1944 - World War II: The Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Philippines.

1946 – In New York, the UN General Assembly meets for the first time.

1956 – The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 against Soviet rule begins.

1958 - The Smurfs cartoons appear for the first time.

1958 - The Springhill Mine Bump mining disaster in Nova Scotia, killing 74 people, with 100 surviving the accident.

1970 - Gary Gabelich sets a land-speed record in a rocket-powered automobile called the Blue Flame, fueled by natural gas.

1972 - Vietnam War: Operation Linebacker - The US ends a bombing campaign of North Vietnam following the Easter Offensive.

1973 - A UN-sanctioned ceasefire officially ends the Yom Kippur War between Israel and Syria.

1983 – A truck bomb hits a US barracks in Lebanon, killing 241 troops. On the same day, another truck bomb hits a French barracks, killing 58 military personnel.

1989 – The Hungarian Republic is declared.

1989 - The Philips Disaster in Pasadena, Texas kills 23 people.

1992 – Akihito becomes the first Japanese Emperor to stand on Chinese soil.

1995 - Yolanda Saldivar is convicted of murdering the singer Selena on March 31 of the same year.

From 2001

2001 – The iPod is released.

2002 – The Moscow Theatre Siege begins, as Chechen terrorists take around 700 theatregoers hostage.

2003 - The Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, California, designed by Frank Gehry, is opened.

2004 – An earthquake in the Niigata Prefecture in Japan kills 35 people and injures around 2,200.

2005 – Hurricane Wilma hits the Yucatán, in Mexico.

2005 – Lech Kaczynski is elected President of Poland, ahead of Donald Tusk.

2011 – New Zealand wins the Rugby World Cup, defeating France 8-7 in Auckland.

2011 – Motorcycle rider Marco Simoncelli is killed in a crash at the Malaysian Moto GP.

2011 – A powerful magnitude 7.2 earthquake hits Van Province, in eastern Turkey.

2012 - The BBC ends its 38-year teletext service Ceefax, with Northern Ireland completing the United Kingdom's transition to digital television broadcasting.

2015 - Hurricane Patricia is measured as the heaviest hurricane ever to hit North or Central America, as it hits the Pacific Ocean coast of Mexico.

2015 - 43 people, mostly pensioners on a day-trip, die in a coach crash in Southwestern France, in one of the country's deadliest-ever road accidents.

2018 - The Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macau Bridge is officially opened by Chinese Communist Party general secretary Xi Jinping.

2018 - October 2018 United States mail bombing attempts: A mail bomb addressed to former United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is caught by police, after one addressed to George Soros was caught the previous day.

2019 - The bodies of 39 people are found in a lorry trailer at Purfleet, Essex, England.