

Friday, August 1

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2007: An eight-lane road bridge in Minneapolis collapsed into the Mississippi River, killing 13 people

1785: Caroline Herschel became the first woman to discover a comet

1894: War broke out between China and Japan over the question of Korea

1966: Army general Yakubu Gowon assumed power in Nigeria following a military coup

2007: New Zealand launched its first commercially available biofuel, consisting of 90 percent petrol and 10 percent bioethanol made from cows' milk