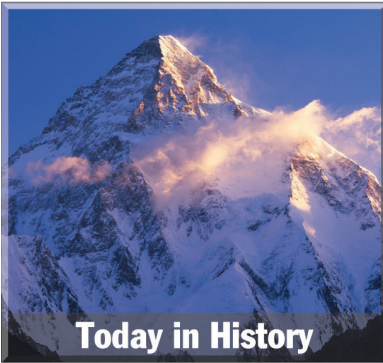


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Today in History

July 31, 1954

▲ K2, located on the Pakistan and China border and at 8,611 metres the world's second highest peak, was first climbed by an Italian expedition led by Ardito Desio

1970: Britain's Royal Navy stopped giving out daily rations of rum

2007: The lost city of Rhakotis, some 700 years older than Alexandria, was found by archaeologists

2012: U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps won a 19th medal, making him the most prolific medalist in Olympic history

2015: Beijing named the 2022 Winter Olympic city of the 2022 Winter Olympics, making it the first city to host both the Summer and Winter Games

Picture: Newscom



Today in History

August 1, 2015

▲ Cilla Black, popular British singer and TV star who, like the Beatles, was discovered at Liverpool's famous Cavern Club in the 1960s, died aged 72

1291: The cantons of Uri, Unterwalden and Schwyz formed a confederation that led to the formation of Switzerland

1916: Army general Yukihiko Higashi



Today in History

August 2, 2007

▲ A Russian flag was planted on the seabed 4,200m below the North Pole, furthering Moscow's claims to vast oil, gas and mineral reserves in the Arctic

1932: The positron – the antimatter counterpart to the electron – was discovered by Carl D. Anderson

1990: Israel forces invaded Kuwait



Today in History

August 3, 1936

▲ Black athlete Jesse Owens won the 100m, the first of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics, scuppering Adolf Hitler's aim of demonstrating Aryan superiority

1778: La Scala opera house was opened in Milan

1946: The world's first theme park, Santa Claus Land, opened in the Indiana

1950: The first of the modern era in the United States

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Today in History

August 4, 1944

▲ Anne Frank and her family were discovered by the Nazis after two years hiding in an attic room in Amsterdam. Anne's famous diary was published after the war

1870: The Red Cross Society was founded in Britain

1958: The Billboard Hot 100, the United States' weekly singles record chart, was first published

2006: The Domesday Book, the then 920-year-old census record of England, went online

2010: Up to 12 million people were affected by the most severe flooding in Pakistan's history, while the death toll rose to at least 1,600

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Today in History

August 5, 1966

▲ Construction of the twin towers of the World Trade Centre, later destroyed in the September 11, 2001 terror attacks, began in New York City

25: Guangwu became emperor of China, restoring the Han Dynasty

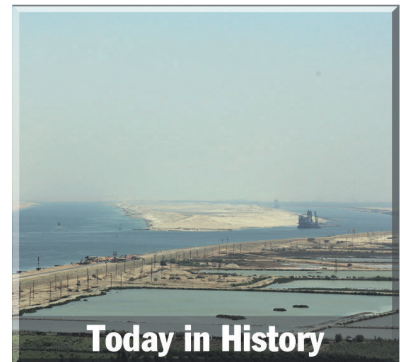
1962: Movie star Marilyn Monroe was found dead in the bedroom of her Los Angeles home due to an overdose of sleeping pills

2004: Swarms of locusts invaded the Mauritanian capital, Nouakchott

2006: Turkey began constructing a dam in the south-east of the country, despite criticism that it would flood the ancient city of Hasankeyf

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Today in History

August 6, 2015

▲ Egypt inaugurated a new 35km channel of the Suez Canal, roughly doubling the canal's capacity. The new channel flanked the existing, 145-year-old waterway

1538: Bogotá, now capital of Colombia, was founded by Spanish conquistador Gonzalo Jiménez de Quesada

1806: The Holy Roman Empire ceased to exist when Francis II renounced the crown

1991: The world's first website went on line; info.cern.ch running on a NeXT computer at CERN in Switzerland

1996: Scientists revealed they had found evidence of life on Mars in a meteorite discovered in Antarctica

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