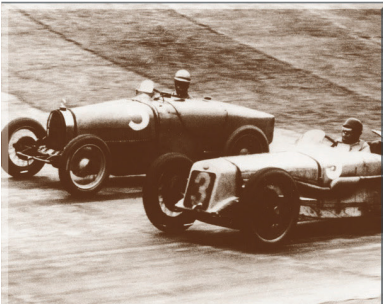


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## Today in History

August 7, 1926

▲ The first British Grand Prix was held at Brooklands. The winner took just over four hours to win the 110-lap race at an average speed of almost 72mph

1819: Simón Bolívar triumphs over Spain at the Battle of Boyacá

1947: Thor Heyerdahl's raft Kon Tiki reached Polynesia after 101 days

1962: Pharoos, who banned the U.S., received the Presidential Medal of Civilian Service

2003: Amrozi sentenced to 10 years in prison for nightclub bombing

Picture: Newscom



## Today in History

August 8, 1786

▲ Dr Michel-Gabriel Paccard and his guide Jacques Balmat made the first ascent of Mont Blanc, a climb that traditionally marks the start of modern mountaineering

1942: Mahatma Gandhi launched the Quit India movement, calling for full independence from British rule

1994: Fashion designer Orla Kiely



## Today in History

August 9, 1999

▲ Former KGB officer Vladimir Putin was named acting prime minister of Russia after President Boris Yeltsin sacked his fourth premier in 17 months

1965: Singapore was expelled from Malaysia, becoming the only country to date to gain independence unwillingly

2004: The world's deepest crystal



## Today in History

August 10, 1904

▲ The Russian Fleet suffered heavy losses when blocked by the Japanese fleet as they tried to escape from Port Arthur during the Russo-Japanese War

1896: The screw bottle top was patented at the Hope Glass Works in Yorkshire, England

1999: Islamic militants declared an

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## Today in History

August 11, 1956

▲ U.S. artist Jackson Pollock, who led the Abstract Expressionist movement and introduced the technique of pouring paint on to canvas, died in a car accident

1994: The era of internet shopping began when an album by Sting became the first item sold online

1998: British Petroleum announced it was taking over U.S. oil giant Amoco at a cost of \$54.3 billion

1999: The Kansas Education Board voted to drop the theory of evolution from the school science curriculum

2015: Japan began generating nuclear power for the first time since the Fukushima disaster in 2011

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## Today in History

August 12, 1883

▲ The last quagga, distinguished from other zebras by its pattern of brown and white stripes on the front of the body and plain brown rear, died at a zoo in Amsterdam

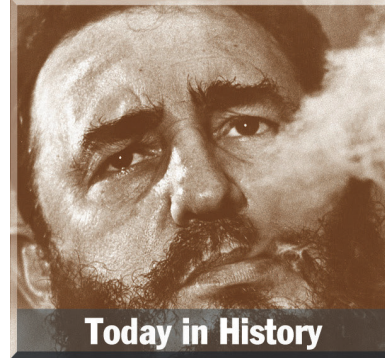
30BC: Cleopatra, queen of ancient Egypt, committed suicide allegedly by allowing an asp to bite her breast

1851: American inventor Isaac Singer was granted a patent on his sewing machine

1949: Starlings on the minute hand of London's Big Ben made the clock lose four-and-a-half minutes

2007: Fossilised remains of an eight million year-old cypress forest were discovered in Hungary

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## Today in History

August 13, 1926

▲ Fidel Castro, who orchestrated the 1959 Cuban Revolution that overthrew the regime of Fulgencio Batista and then headed Cuba's government until 2008, was born

1521: Spanish conquistador Hernando Cortez captured Mexico City, then named Tenochtitlan, from the Aztecs

1876: Wagner's Ring cycle was first performed in its entirety in Bayreuth

1961: The border between East and West Berlin was closed as construction began on the Berlin Wall

2015: China devalued the yuan for a third day, exacerbating fears that the world's second largest economy was headed for a lengthy slowdown

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