



Today in History

August 16, 1977

▲ **Elvis Presley, the “King of Rock ‘n’ Roll”, died at his Graceland mansion at age 42. He died from heart failure brought on by the abuse of prescription drugs**

1933: The Australian state of Victoria paid £800 for a Yorkshire cottage, once the childhood home of Captain Cook

2002: Zambia refused donations of genetically modified maize from the U.S., despite the risk of famine

2004: Prince Hans-Adam handed responsibility for governing the tiny state of Liechtenstein to his eldest son

2012: Ecuador granted asylum to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, holed up in its London embassy