



## Today in History

*August 4, 1693*

▲ **French Benedictine monk Dom Perignon is traditionally said to have invented champagne on this day, although he did not intend to produce a sparkling wine**

**1972:** President Idi Amin of Uganda said he would expel 50,000 Asians with British passports within three months

**1983:** Captain Thomas Sankara seized power in a military coup in Upper Volta, later renaming the country Burkina Faso

**1993:** Japan apologised to women forced to work as sex slaves in WWII

**1997:** Jeanne Calment, the world's oldest known person, died in Arles, France, aged 122 years, 164 days