



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**

1960: Archbishop Makarios became president of the newly independent Republic of Cyprus

1999: Russia’s parliament approved the nomination of Vladimir Putin as the country’s new prime minister

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

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