

This day in history: August 20

- 1776 Adams, Franklin, and Jefferson recommend the motto, *E Pluribus Unum* to Congress.**
- 1833 Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd U.S. president, is born in North Bend, Ohio.**
- 1911 The *New York Times* sends the first around-the-world telegram via commercial service; it takes about 16 minutes to circle the globe.**
- 1920 The first commercial radio station to broadcast regular scheduled programs, 8MK (later WWJ), begins operations in Detroit.**
- 1971 Texas Instruments introduces the first electronic pocket calculator.**
- 1977 NASA launches *Voyager 2*, the first spacecraft to travel to Uranus and Neptune.**

This day in history: August 21

- 1831 Nat Turner leads a violent slave revolt in Southampton County, Virginia.**
- 1858 The first of seven Lincoln-Douglas debates takes place in Ottawa, IL.**
- 1888 William Burroughs of St. Louis patents the first successful adding machine in the United States.**
- 1912 Arthur Eldred of Oceanside, New York, become the first Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.**
- 1944 The Dumbarton Oaks Conference in Washington. D.C. lays the groundwork for the United Nations. (Ed. Note: Looking backward to 1944 – this was an ill-conceived idea (a resurrection of the Wilson Sponsored League of Nations after WW I) , the UN has never won a war – Korea was the first instance of UN troops in a war and that was shouldered mostly by American Troops and American Military Leaders and led to an armistice not a victory, since then UN troops have been accused of many injustices, rape, plunder and the list goes goes on – Agenda 21 – the removal of all private property in the world, no guns, wild claims of earth warming, CO2 hysteria, on and on – besides that the U.S. contributes the most money to the UN and even gives the UN free real estate/rent for their headquarters in New York – in addition the US pays at least 22% of the UN's budget).**
- 1959 President Eisenhower signs an executive order making Hawaii the 50th state.**

This day in history: August 22

- 1787 Inventor James Fitch tests a steamboat on the Delaware River as delegates to the Constitutional Convention look on.**
- 1851 The schooner America defeats several other yachts off the English coast to win the trophy that becomes known as the America's Cup.**
- 1902 In Hartford, Connecticut, Theodore Roosevelt becomes the first president to ride in an automobile in public.**
- 1906 The Victor Talking Machine Company of Camden, New Jersey, manufactures the first Victrola.**
- 1996 President Clinton signs legislation ending federal guarantees of lifetime welfare benefits.**

This day in history: August 23

- 1775 King George III proclaims the American colonies to be in a state of rebellion.**
- 1784 Part of North Carolina declares itself to be the state of Franklin, which is denied admission to the Union (the area is now part of eastern Tennessee) .**
- 1859 The six-story Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City becomes the first American hotel with an elevator.**
- 1889 A lightship off San Francisco sends the first ship-to-shore wireless message received in the United States, signaling the arrival of an Army troopship.**
- 1954 The C130 Hercules inaugural flight takes place. According to Boeing, there were more than 2400 planes delivered world wide with over half of those still in service.**
- 1996 *Lunar Orbiter 1* takes the first photo of Earth from the moon.**

This day in history: August 24

- 1814 British troops invade Washington, D.C., setting fire to the U.S. Capitol and White House.**
- 1932 Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly nonstop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, NJ, in 19 hours.**
- 1959 Three days after Hawaii becomes the 50th state, Hiram L. Fong is sworn in as the first Chinese-American U.S. senator, and David E. Inouye is sworn in as the first Japanese-American U.S. House member.**
- 1992 Hurricane Andrew smashes into southern Florida, causing record damage.**

This day in history: August 25

- 1718 French colonists found New Orleans, named for Philippe II, duke of Orleans.**
- 1830 The *Tom Thumb* of the B&O Railroad loses a race to a horse.**
- 1840 The first practical seeding machine is patented by Joseph Gibbons of Michigan.**
- 1944 The Allies liberate Paris after four years of Nazi occupation.**
- 1981 Photos sent by the *Voyager 2* Spacecraft reveal the complex structure of the rings surrounding Saturn.**

This day in history: August 26

- 1791 John Fitch and James Rumsey, rival inventors, both receive patents for steamboats.**
- 1839 The slave ship *Amistad* is captured off Long Island, leading to a trial over the legal status of the Africans on board, who had taken control of the ship.**
- 1873 The St. Louis board of education establishes the nation's first public school kindergarten.**
- 1968 As the Democratic National Convention begins in Chicago, thousands of anti-Vietnam War demonstrators take to the streets and clash with police.**

