

This day in history: October 1

- 1811** The first steamboat to travel down the Mississippi River, the *New Orleans*, reaches its namesake city after a monthlong trip from Pittsburgh.
- 1890** Yosemite National Park is established.
- 1908** Henry Ford introduces the Model T automobile, priced at \$850.
- 1924** Jimmy Carter, the 39th U.S. president. Is born in Plains, Georgia.
- 1942** The first U.S. jet, the Bell XP-59A, makes its maiden flight at Muroc, Dry Lake, California.
- 1971** Disney World, the number-one tourist destination in the world, opens in Orlando, Florida.

This day in history: October 2

- 1780** In Tappan, New York, British major John Andre is hanged as a spy after he is captured carrying papers for traitor Benedictg Arnold.
- 1835** The Texas Revolution against Mexico begins as American settlers resist Mexican troops at Gonzales.
- 1919** President Woodrow Wilson suffers a stroke that leaves him an invalid.
- 1950** The comic strip *Peanuts* by Charles M. Schulz is first published.
- 1967** Thurgood Marshall, the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court is sworn in.

This day in history: October 3

- 1899** John S. Thurman of St. Louis patents the first motor-driven vacuum cleaner, described as a “pneumatic carpet renovator.”
- 1904** Mary McLeod Bethune opens the Daytona Literacy and Industrial School for training Negro girls.
- 1922** Rebecca L. Felton becomes the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate when the governor of Georgia appoints her to fill a vacancy.
- 1955** *Captain Kangaroo* and the *The Mickey Mouse Club* debut on TV.
- 1974** Frank Robinson of the Cleveland Indians becomes the first black manager in baseball;s major leagues.

This day in history: October 4

- 1777** Patriot troops launch a failed assault on the British at Germantown, PA.
- 1822** Rutherford B. Hayes, the 19th U.S. president, is born in Delaware, Ohio.
- 1830** Issac Adams of Boston patents a motorized printing press that helps enable the mass publication of books.
- 1895** The first U.S. Open golf tournament is played in Newport, Rhode Island.
- 1927** Carving begins on Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

This day in history: October 5

- 1703** Theologian Johnathan Edwards is born in East Windsor, Connecticut.
- 1829** Chester A. Arthur, the 21st U.S. president, is born in Fairfield, Vermont.
- 1877** Nez Perce leader Chief Joesph surrenders to the U.S. Army in the Bear Paw Mountains of Montana after a long-fought retreat.
- 1931** Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon land at Wenatchee, Washington to complete the first nonstop flight across the Pacific, having flown from Japan.

1947 In the first televised White House address, President Truman urges Americans to conserve meat and poultry to help save grain for a hungry Europe.

This day in history: October 6

1780 Patriot Henry Laurens of South Carolina, captured at sea, is imprisoned in the Tower of London after Yorktown, he is exchanged for British general Charles Cornwallis.

1866 In Indiana, brothers John and Simeon Reno stage the first robbery of a moving train in the United States.

1927 The *Jazz Singer*, the first feature-length “talking picture” opens in New York.

1979 Pope John Paul II becomes the first pontiff to visit the White House.

This day in history: October 7

1765 The Stamp Act Congress meets in New York City to discuss colonial grievances against England.

1777 Patriots defeat the British at the Second Battle of Saratoga in New York.

1780 Patriot militia forces annihilate a Loyalist army at Kings Mountain in South Carolina.

1826 The Granite Railway, and early U.S. railroad, begins operation in Quincy, Massachusetts, with horse-drawn wagons hauling stone to build the Bunker Hill Monument.

1916 In Atlanta, Georgia Tech beats Cumberland College 222-0 in the worst lopsided game in college football history.

2001 U.S. troops launch Operation Enduring Freedom, the campaign to destroy terrorist training camps in Afghanistan.