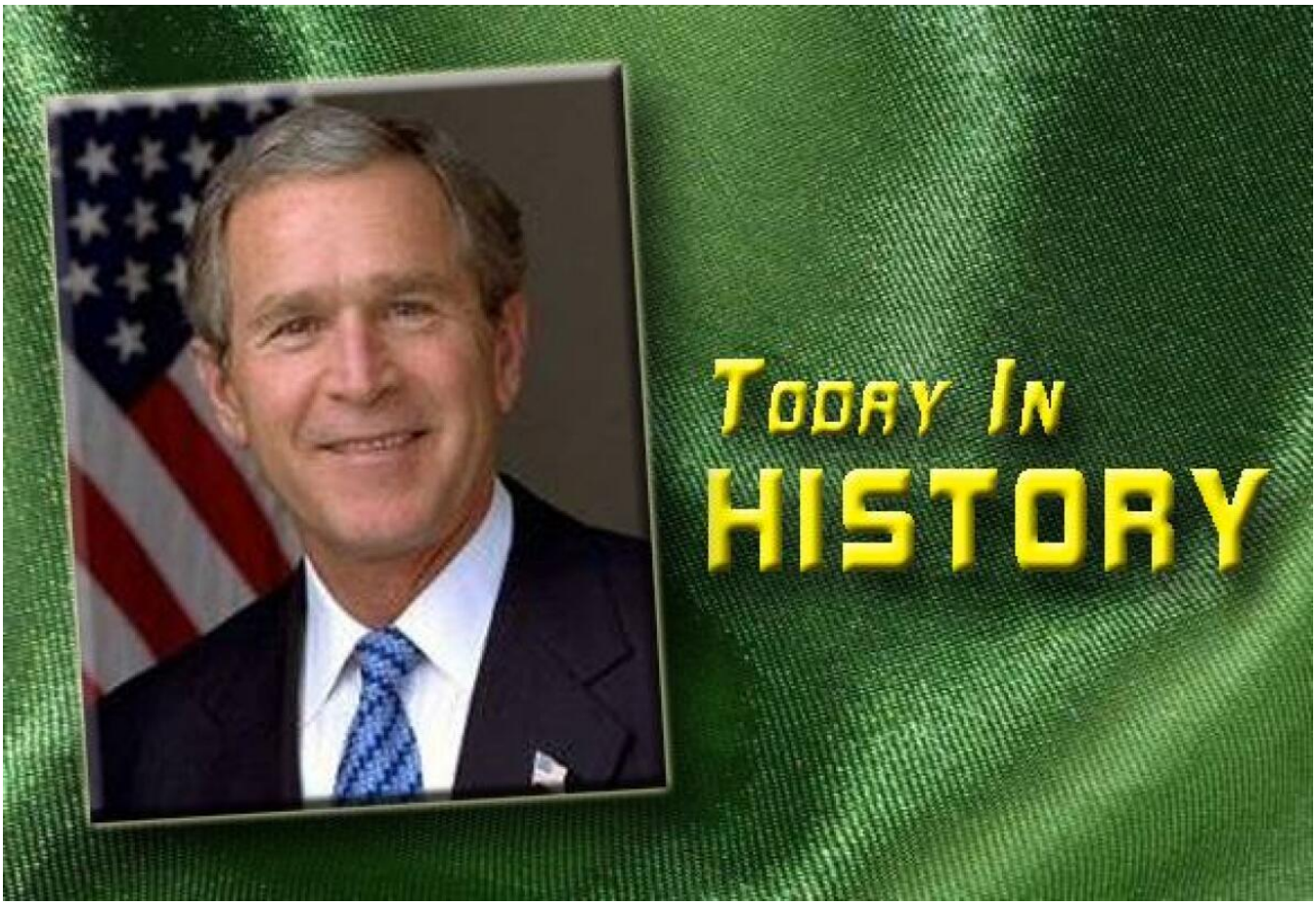

Today In History – January 6

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Today in History in 2001 Al Gore, as President of the United States Senate, names George W. Bush as the winner of the 2000 United States presidential election.

The On This Day In History archives at “Simple English Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia” contains over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:

January 6 is the sixth day of the year in the Gregorian calendar. There are 359 days remaining until the end of the year (360 in leap years).

Since 2021, the terms January 6, January 6th, and 1/6 have been used in the media as a shorthand for the 2021 United States Capitol riots, which occurred on that day.

EVENTS

1066 – Harold Godwinson is crowned King of England.

1118 – Reconquista: Alfonso the Battler conquers Zaragoza.

1311 – Henry VII, Holy Roman Emperor becomes King of Italy.

1355 – Charles I of Bohemia is crowned King of Italy in Milan.

1389 – The University of Cologne is opened, with a celebratory church service in Cologne Cathedral on the Feast day

of the Three Kings, the city's patron saints.

1492 – The Catholic Monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella enter Granada, completing the Reconquista.

1540 – King Henry VIII of England marries Anne of Cleves.

1612 – Axel Oxenstierna becomes Lord High Chancellor of Sweden.

1661 – English Restoration: The Fifth Monarchists unsuccessfully attempt to seize control of London.

1759 – George Washington marries Martha Dandridge.

1781 – Battle of Jersey: Great Britain defeats the last attempt by France to invade Jersey in the Channel Islands.

1838 – Alfred Vail demonstrates a telegraph system using dots and dashes.

1839 – Ireland is hit by its most damaging storm in 300 years.

1853 – US President–elect Franklin Pierce's family are involved in a train accident in Andover, Massachusetts, killing Pierce's 11–year–old son Benjamin. Pierce and his wife suffer from depression after this incident, and Franklin Pierce turns to alcoholism.

1870 – Vienna's Musikverein is inaugurated.

1893 – Washington National Cathedral is chartered by the United States Congress.

1900 – It is reported that millions are starving in India.

1900 – Boers attack Ladysmith, South Africa – over 1000 people killed.

1907 – Maria Montessori opens her first school and daycare center for working class children in Rome.

1912 – New Mexico is admitted as the 47th U.S. state.

1912 – Alfred Wegener presents his theory of Continental drift.

1921 – Formation of Iraq's Army.

1926 – Lufthansa, currently Germany's biggest airline, is created.

1929 – Alexander I of Yugoslavia suspends his country's constitution.

1929 – Mother Teresa arrives in Calcutta.

1930 – The first diesel–engine automobile trip is completed (Indianapolis, Indiana, to New York City).

1931 – Thomas Edison submits his last patent application.

1939 – Al Capone is released early from prison.

1940 – Mass execution of Polish people by Germans in the city of Poznań, Warthegau.

1941 – Franklin D. Roosevelt makes his "Four Freedoms" speech during his State of the Union Address.

1947 – Pan American Airlines becomes the first commercial airline to schedule a flight around the world.

1950 – The United Kingdom recognizes the People's Republic of China. The Republic of China ends diplomatic relations with Britain in response.

1951 – Korean War: Ganghwa massacre.

1960 – National Airlines Flight 2511 is destroyed in mid–air by a bomb between New York City and Miami.

1967 – United States Marine Corps and ARVN troops launch "Operation Deckhouse Five" in the Mekong River delta.

1978 – The United States returns the Crown of St. Stephen to Hungary.

1991 – Jorge Antonio Serrano Elias is elected President of Guatemala, becoming the first Protestant Head of State in Latin America.

1992 – The United Nations Security Council condemns Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

1992 – President Zviad Gamsakhurdia leaves Georgia, after a military coup.

1993 – The Indian Border Security Force kills 55 Kashmiri civilians in Sopore, Jammu and Kashmir.

1994 – Nancy Kerrigan is attacked during the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit.

1998 – Unidentified perpetrators saw off the head of the Little Mermaid statue in Copenhagen; this is the second time that the statue has been damaged by this kind of vandalism; it previously happened in 1964.

2001 – Al Gore, as President of the United States Senate, names George W. Bush as the winner of the 2000 United States presidential election.

2005 – Edgar Ray Killen is arrested as a suspect in the 1964 murders of three civil rights activists.

2016 – North Korea declares that nuclear weapons testing of hydrogen atom has been done.

2018 – The "MV Sanchi" oil tanker collides with a Hong Kong–flagged ship near Shanghai, causing an explosion and leaving 32 sailors missing.

2021 – The 2021 United States Capitol attack, an attack on the United States capitol.