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Look 44 from
the collection

What a Merry-Go-Round is the eighteenth collection by British fashion designer [Alexander McQueen](#), made for the Autumn/Winter 2001 season of his [eponymous fashion house](#). The collection drew on imagery of clowns and carnivals, inspired by McQueen's feelings about childhood and his experiences in the fashion industry. The designs were influenced by [military chic](#), cinema such as *[Nosferatu](#)* (1922) and *[Cabaret](#)* (1972), 1920s [flapper fashion](#) and the [French Revolution](#). The palette comprised dark colours complemented with neutrals and muted greens. The collection's [runway show](#) was staged in February 2001 in a dark room with a [carousel](#) at the centre, with 62 looks (*one pictured*) presented. It was McQueen's final show in London. Critical response to the collection was generally positive, and it has attracted some academic analysis for the theme and messaging. It served as a critique of the fashion industry, which McQueen sometimes described as toxic and suffocating. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that the [stone men, horses, &c.](#) (*example pictured*) of Japan's [kofun](#) may have been inspired by the [spirit paths](#) of China?
- ... that people traveled from as far away as Australia and the Netherlands to stay at [a house in Ohio](#)?
- ... that urbanists have used [hive cities](#) from the [science-fiction](#) universe of *[Warhammer 40,000](#)* as an example of how [vertical cities](#) could become dystopian?
- ... that the [Philippine embassy in Pretoria](#) responded to a South African newspaper's denunciation of [horse fighting](#) in the Philippines by saying that the practice was already illegal?
- ... that artisan baker [Jules Rabin](#) was inspired to bake bread after a 1971 visit to a commune in France where "they didn't speak of bread as holy, but they treated it as a holy object"?



Sekijin ([Important Cultural Property](#))

- ... that ***Tout est lumière***, a setting by **Maurice Ravel** for soprano, choir and orchestra of a poem by **Victor Hugo**, earned Ravel a place in the second round of the 1901 **Prix de Rome**?
- ... that **Tommy Cronin** played both basketball and football in high school, in college, and professionally?
- ... that the grave of a Dutch officer and his dog who were killed in the **Battle of Nanggulon** is a designated cultural object in Indonesia?
- ... that **Cowboy Wheeler** was a Reimer Wiener?

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In the news

- South Korea's **Constitutional Court removes** **Yoon Suk Yeol** (*pictured*) as the president of South Korea, following [his earlier declaration of martial law](#).
- US president **Donald Trump** announces **trade tariffs** on most countries.
- **Marine Le Pen**, the runner-up in [the 2017](#) and [2022 French presidential elections](#), **is convicted** of embezzlement and banned from standing in elections for five years.
- **A magnitude-7.7 earthquake** leaves more than 5,300 people dead in Myanmar and Thailand.



Yoon Suk Yeol

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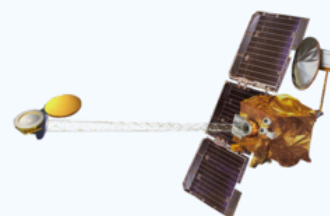
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On this day

April 7: National Beer Day in the United States

- **1655** – After **a conclave lasting eighty days**, the [College of Cardinals](#) elected Fabio Chigi as **Pope Alexander VII**.
- **1945** – **World War II**: U.S. forces sank the Japanese battleship **Yamato** during **Operation Kikusui I** in the [East China Sea](#).
- **1994** – **Rwandan Civil War**: The **Rwandan genocide** began a few hours after [the assassination](#) of President **Juvénal Habyarimana**, with hundreds of thousands killed in the following 100 days.
- **1995** – **First Chechen War**: Russian [paramilitary](#) troops began **a massacre of hundreds of civilians** in [Samashki](#), Chechnya.
- **2001** – NASA's **2001 Mars Odyssey** (*artist's conception pictured*), the longest-surviving continually active spacecraft in orbit around a planet other than Earth, launched from [Cape Canaveral](#).



Artist's conception of 2001 Mars Odyssey

Berengar I of Italy (d. 924) · **Martha Ray** (d. 1779) · **Joseph Lyons** (d. 1939) · **Dave Arneson** (d. 2009)

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There are **156 parliamentary constituencies in Zambia** that each elect one member to the **National Assembly** (*building pictured*), the country's **unicameral** legislature. The assembly meets in the Zambian capital, **Lusaka**, and is presided over by the **speaker of the National Assembly** and two deputy speakers. The National Assembly was established upon Zambia's independence in 1964 to succeed the Legislative Council of the British protectorate of **Northern Rhodesia**. Since 2016, it has 167 members, of which 156 are elected by **first-past-the-post voting** in single-member **constituencies**, a further eight are appointed by the **president of Zambia**, and three are **ex officio members**. The **Constitution of Zambia** mandates that the constituencies are **delimited** after every census by the **Electoral Commission of Zambia**. (**Full list...**)



National Assembly Building, Lusaka

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The **buff-tailed coronet** (*Boissonneaua flavescens*) is a species of **hummingbird** in the "brilliant", members of the tribe **Heliantheini** in the subfamily **Lesbiinae**. Found in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela, the buff-tailed coronet is 11 to 12 centimetres (4.3 to 4.7 inches) long and weighs 7.3 to 8.8 grams (0.26 to 0.31 ounces). Both sexes have a short, straight, black bill and a small white spot behind the eye. Males of the nominate subspecies, *B. f. flavescens*, are mostly shining green, with a buff belly spotted with green. The buff-tailed coronet is highly territorial, though it may share feeding at

a flowering tree with other hummingbirds. It typically forages in the mid-story but also feeds in the canopy. Breeding behavior has been recorded between November and March, and it has a song consisting of "a continuous series of single high-pitched 'tsit' notes". This buff-tailed coronet of the subspecies *B. f. flavescens* was photographed in the Reserva Ecologica Rio Blanco, near [Manizales](#), Colombia.

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