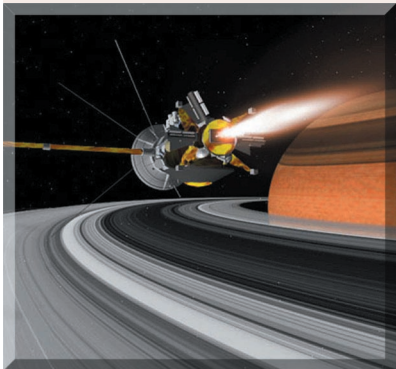


Friday, June 30

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** After a seven year journey, the U.S.-European Cassini probe became the first spacecraft ever to orbit the giant gas planet Saturn

1520: Montezuma II, the last Aztec ruler, was killed by his own subjects during the Spanish Conquest of Mexico

1921: The Chinese Communist party was formed

1960: The Republic of Congo won independence from Belgium

2005: Police in Zimbabwe destroyed a squatter settlement housing some 10,000 people, bringing the number made homeless in the previous six weeks to around half a million