ON THIS DAY

▲ **1859: Frenchman Charles Blondin walked across Niagara Falls on a tightrope, watched by 25,000 people**

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

1974: Soviet ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov defected to the West

1993: Women were allowed to compete in the Henley Royal Regatta for the first time in the event's 154-year history

2008: The Court of Arbitration for Sport upheld a two year ban against U.S. cyclist Floyd Landis, meaning that he was stripped of his 2006 Tour de France title

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