



# Today in History

*June 30, 2004*

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

**1859:** Charles Blondin walked across Niagara Falls on a tightrope, crossing from the American side to the Canadian side, watched by 25,000 people

**1940:** German troops occupied the Channel Island of Guernsey

**1971:** The three crew members of the Soviet spacecraft Soyuz II died on re-entry due to a drop in air pressure

**1994:** The International Earth Rotation Service in Paris advanced atomic clocks by one second