



# Today in History

*October 12, 1991*

▲ Croatia's mediaeval walled city of Dubrovnik, the "pearl of the Adriatic", came under fire from federal troops as the civil war escalated in Yugoslavia

**1492:** Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World, two months after setting sail from Spain in search of a western route to Asia

**1849:** British inventor Charles Rowley patented the safety pin

**1964:** The first spaceship to carry a multiple crew, the Soviet Voskhod-1, was launched into orbit around Earth

**1999:** The United Nations Population Fund announced that the world's population had passed six billion