



Today in History

December 7, 2000

▲ Astronauts aboard the space shuttle installed a pair of giant solar wings on the International Space Station. Once unfurled they measured 73m (240ft) tip-to-tip

1999: The peer-to-peer file-sharing service Napster was taken to court

2004: La Scala opera house in Milan reopened after three years of renovations with a gala performance of Salieri's *Europa Riconosciuta*, which opened the theatre in 1778

2009: The UN Climate Change Conference opened in Copenhagen

2010: A copy of *Birds of America*, by John James Audubon, sold at auction for a record £7.3m (\$11.5m)