



## Today in History

*October 4, 1970*

▲ **Janis Joplin**, one of the premier blues-influenced rock singers of the late 1960s, was found dead from an overdose of heroin and alcohol at age 27

**1675:** Dutch astronomer Christian Huygens patented a pocket watch with greatly improved accuracy

**1905:** Aviation pioneer Orville Wright became the first man to fly an aircraft for more than 33 minutes

**1965:** Pope Paul VI became the first pontiff to visit the United States and address the United Nations

**2010:** The oldest known high altitude human settlement, 49,000 years old, was found in Papua New Guinea