



## Today in History

*September 18, 2006*

▲ **Anousheh Ansari, a U.S. citizen of Iranian origin, became the world's first female space tourist when she blasted off aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket to the ISS**

**1502:** Christopher Columbus landed at Costa Rica on his fourth and final voyage to the New World

**1793:** President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the Capitol building in the District of Columbia

**1810:** Chile declared independence from Spain

**1982:** Up to 3,500 people were killed in a massacre in Beirut's Sabra and Shatila Palestinian refugee camps by Christian Lebanese militias