



## Today in History

*November 12, 1859*

▲ Jules Leotard performed the world's first flying trapeze act at the Cirque Napoleon in Paris. The body-hugging costume he wore was later named after him

**1812:** The remnants of Napoleon's Grand Armée suffered huge losses on the retreat from Moscow

**1981:** The space shuttle Columbia became the first space vehicle to be used more than once

**1982:** Polish Solidarity union leader Lech Walesa was freed after spending 11 months in detention

**2002:** Over 70 tornadoes rampaged across the U.S. from the Great Lakes to the Deep South