



## Today in History

*March 7, 1809*

▲ **rench aviation pioneer Jean-Pierre Blanchard, the first man to cross the English channel by balloon, died shortly after a fall from his balloon in Holland**

**1918:** After gaining power the Bolsheviks changed their name to the Russian Communist Party

**1971: Women in Switzerland were finally given the right to vote and hold federal office**

**1993:** Afghanistan's rival leaders signed a peace accord to end months of bloody fighting in Kabul

**1996: Researchers in Scotland reported successfully cloning sheep from differentiated cells**