



Today in History

December 4, 1443

▲ **Pope Julius II, who reigned from 1503-13 and was the patron of Michaelangelo and Raphael, who painted the portrait above, was born as Giuliano della Rovere**

1993: The Hubble Space Telescope was secured to the shuttle for a series of repairs by spacewalking astronauts

1998: The space shuttle Endeavour blasted off to the International Space Station, taking a new component to attach to a Russian-built module

1999: London's Royal Opera House reopened following two years of extensive renovations

2001: Cambodia opened its first road bridge over the Mekong River