



Today in History

February 28, 1824

▲ **French tightrope walker Jean-Francois Gravelet, who made several crossings of the Niagara Falls under his better known pseudonym Blondin, was born**

1574: Two Englishmen and an Irishman were burnt at the stake in Mexico City, victims of the Spanish Inquisition

1784: John Wesley signed the “deed of declaration” formalising the establishment of the Methodist church

1844: As the U.S. Navy demonstrated a new frigate, Princeton, one of its guns exploded, killing the Secretary of State and other government officials

1994: NATO jets shot down four war planes violating Bosnia’s no-fly zone