



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

1944: The German battleship Tirpitz, Hitler's last major warship, sank after being bombed in northern Norway

1969: Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was expelled from the Soviet Writers Union

1994: Billionaire Bill Gates paid a record \$30m for a 72-page scientific treatise by Leonardo Da Vinci

2014: The Rosetta mission's Philae space probe made the first ever landing on a comet