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ON THIS DAY



▲ 2010: An explosion and fire on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico killed 11 workers and triggered the largest accidental marine oil spill in history

1768: Italian painter Canaletto, best known for his paintings of Venetian scenes, died

1887: The first motor race was held in Paris, resulting in a walkover for Georges Bouton, the only competitor

1989: Czechoslovakia held its first multi-party elections since 1946

2010: Mexican golfer Lorena Ochoa, number one for the last three years, announced her retirement at age 28