



Today in History

September 26, 2008

▲ Flying a prototype jet-powered fixed wing, Swiss pilot and inventor Yves Rossy crossed the English Channel in just over nine minutes, travelling at 200km/h

1960: John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon held the first national TV debate between U.S. presidential candidates

1983: Australia II won yachting's America's Cup, ending the United States' 132-year hold on the trophy

1997: Two earthquakes in central Italy destroyed priceless frescoes in the 13th century Basilica of St Francis of Assisi

2003: Official figures revealed that August's extreme heatwave had killed over 19,000 people in Europe