



Today in History

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▲ **Fears of an environmental catastrophe grew as oil coated Louisiana's delicate marshlands after the Deepwater Horizon rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico**

1804: Pere Lachaise cemetery, final resting place of Oscar Wilde, Marcel Proust and Edith Piaf, opened in Paris

1904: **FIFA, soccer's international governing body, was set up in Paris**

1989: Egypt resumed its Arab League membership after a 10-year absence

2010: **The IKAROS spacecraft, the first to use solar-sail technology as its main propulsion, was launched by Japan's space agency, JAXA, aboard an H-IIA rocket**