



Today in History

May 17, 1673

▲ **Louis Joliet and Jacques Marquette set out from the Great Lakes to explore the Mississippi River, proving it ran all the way to the Gulf of Mexico**

1890: Mascagni's opera *Cavalleria Rusticana* was first performed at the Teatro Costanzi in Rome

1990: The World Health Organization eliminated homosexuality from its list of psychiatric diseases

2005: Antonio Villaraigosa was elected mayor of Los Angeles, the city's first Latino mayor since 1872

2006: Captain Nichola Goddard, 26, Canada's first female combat arms casualty, was killed in Afghanistan