



Today in History

July 5, 1946

▲ The bikini, designed by former Renault engineer Louis Reard and named after the Pacific atoll where atom bombs were then being tested, was first modelled in Paris

1965: Maria Callas gave her last stage performance, singing Tosca at London's Covent Garden

2003: The global Sars outbreak was finally contained. The epidemic killed 800 people worldwide

2007: Scientists announced the discovery off Hawaii of a possible new species of cephalopod

2010: BP's costs associated with the huge Gulf of Mexico oil spill reached \$3.12 billion