



## Today in History

*October 18, 1873*

▲ **The first rules of American Football were formulated in New York at a meeting of delegates from Columbia, Princeton, Rutgers and Yale Universities**

**1961:** The film version of West Side Story was released. It won 10 Oscars including Best Picture

**1963:** France launched the first cat into space. Felix was retrieved live after a parachute descent

**1989:** Hungary's parliament purged the constitution of Stalinist elements to create a Western-style democracy

**1996:** Scientists announced they had found an "absolute" link between smoking and lung cancer