



Today in History

October 11, 1492

▲ **Christopher Columbus, born in the Republic of Genoa, espied San Salvador in what was the first modern European sighting of the New World**

1899: The Boer War began in South Africa between British forces and Boers of the Transvaal and Orange Free State

1919: The first airline meals, consisting of a sandwich, fruits and chocolate, were served on a flight between London to Paris

1963: Legendary French singer and cabaret star Edith Piaf died in Paris

1976: China's "Gang of Four", including Mao Zedong's widow Jiang Qing, were arrested in Beijing