



Today in History

December 5, 1872

▲ The American brigantine **Mary Celeste** was found abandoned, with most of her cargo intact, drifting in the Atlantic between the Azores and the Portuguese coast

1766: London auctioneer James Christie held his first sale

1932: American singer, songwriter, and pianist **Little Richard** was born. He was a pioneer of rock and roll

1952: A toxic choking smog from coal fires and industry enveloped much of London killing an estimated 4,000

2002: Israeli prime minister **Ariel Sharon** approved plans to extend a security fence to seal off northern Israel from the West Bank