



Today in History

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▲ **Pablo Picasso's *Women of Algiers (Version O)* smashed the world record for a painting sold at auction, fetching \$179.4 million in New York**

1926: Norwegian Roald Amundsen, Italian Umberto Nobile and American Lincoln Ellsworth crossed the North Pole in an airship

1949: The Russian blockade of West Berlin ended after 11 months

1998: Spanish bullfighter Cristina Sanchez became the first woman to enter the highest rank of matadors

2004: The discovery of the Library of Alexandria, thought to be the world's oldest university, was announced