



Today in History

January 23, 1978

▲ Sweden became the first nation to ban the use of aerosol spray cans because of fears that fluorocarbon gases contained in them depleted the ozone layer

1849: British-born Elizabeth Blackwell qualified in the United States as the first woman doctor

1944: Norwegian painter Edvard Munch, best known for his emotive painting, *The Scream*, died

2004: The ESA's Mars Express orbiter confirmed the presence of water ice at the south pole of Mars

2004: World Health Organization alarm rose as Thailand reported its first case of bird flu virus in humans