



# Today in History

*November 24, 2023*

▲ A temporary ceasefire between Israel and Hamas began, during which over 100 Israeli and other hostages were freed in exchange for Palestinian prisoners

**1639:** The Transit of Venus across the Sun was first observed

**1859:** Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" was published, outlining his controversial theory of evolution

**1864:** French artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, famous for his lithographs depicting Parisian nightlife, was born

**1874:** An improved type of barbed wire was patented, enabling ranchers to prevent their herds from roaming