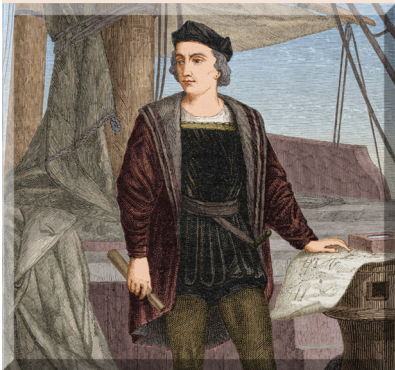


**Saturday, December 6**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1492: Christopher Columbus discovered the island of Hispaniola, now divided between Haiti and the Dominican Republic**

**1774: Austria became the first nation to establish a state education system**

**1877: Thomas Edison recited *Mary had a Little Lamb* as he made the world's first sound recording**

**1971: India formally recognised the Democratic Republic of Bangladesh**

**2006: The UN Security Council unanimously approved a resolution creating an 8,000-member African peacekeeping force to bring an end to political violence in Somalia**