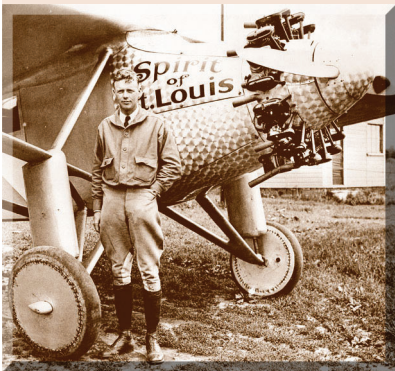


Friday, May 20

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1927:** American aviator Charles Lindbergh took off from Long Island aboard the Spirit of St Louis. He arrived in Paris the following day

1506: Italian explorer Christopher Columbus died in poverty in Spain

1913: The first Chelsea Flower Show was held in the grounds of London's Royal Hospital

1991: The Soviet parliament approved in principle a law which would allow citizens to travel abroad freely

2010: U.S. scientists announced the transplant of a synthesized genome into an existing cell, creating the world's first artificial lifeform