



## Today in History

*December 17, 1903*

▲ **Wilbur and Orville Wright, owners of a bicycle business, made the first successful controlled flight in a powered aircraft, the Wright "Flyer"**

**1819:** Colombia joined with Venezuela and Ecuador to form Simon Bolivar's "Greater Colombia"

**1986:** The world's first heart, lung and liver transplant was carried out at Papworth Hospital, England

**1992:** Harvard University scientists announced that an AIDS vaccine had protected laboratory monkeys

**2002:** President George W. Bush gave the go-ahead to the controversial National Missile Defence System