



## Today in History

*April 27, 2005*

▲ The world's largest passenger plane, the Airbus A380, made its maiden test flight from Toulouse. The giant plane can carry up to 850 people

**1828:** The London Zoological Gardens in Regent's Park, England, the world's first scientific zoo, opened

**1880:** The first electronic hearing aid for the deaf was patented

**1987:** Austrian president Kurt Waldheim was barred from entering the United States because of his alleged involvement in Nazi atrocities

**1993:** Eritrea gained independence from Ethiopia after 30 years of bitter civil war