



## Today in History

*December 22, 1801*

▲ **French silk weaver Joseph Marie Jacquard patented a loom that used punch cards to control a sequence of operations, enabling the weaving of intricate patterns**

**1993:** The Australian government voted to allow aborigines to reclaim rights to land seized by European settlers

**2000:** Pop star Madonna married film director Guy Ritchie in Scotland

**2001:** "Shoe bomber" Richard Reid tried to blow up a U.S. jet with explosives hidden in his shoes

**2015:** SpaceX successfully achieved the first landing and recovery of an orbital booster rocket following a commercial space flight