



Today in History

December 17, 1903

▲ **Brothers Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first successful controlled flight in a powered aircraft on the beach at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina**

1830: Simon Bolivar, who liberated Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Peru from Spain, died from tuberculosis

1843: **Charles Dickens' popular tale, A Christmas Carol, was published**

1973: Palestinian terrorists attacked the terminal building at Rome's Fiumicino Airport, killing 32 people

2010: **A Tunisian street vendor set fire to himself in protest at official harassment, triggering the Arab Spring revolts**