



Today in History

July 8, 2000

▲ **Venus Williams in 1957 became the first African-American ladies' champion at Wimbledon since Althea Gibson in 1957. She has been champion now five times**

1497: Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama sailed from Lisbon in search of a sea route to India

1798: The Wall Street Journal was first published

1907: The Ziegfeld Follies opened in New York

2010: The Swiss Solar Impulse project's solar powered plane remained aloft for a record 24 hours. A circumnavigation of the globe is planned in 2013 or 2014