



Today in History

July 8, 1881

▲ The ice cream sundae was invented as an alternative to ice cream soda drinks, banned on the Sabbath as soda was considered a controlled substance, like alcohol

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

1994: Kim Il-sung, authoritarian “Great Leader” of North Korea since 1948, died of a heart attack at age 82

1997: Former Warsaw Pact nations Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic were invited to join NATO

2006: The first manned flight of a powered ornithopter – an aircraft that flaps its wings – took place