



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

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

2008: A U.S.-Czech plan to base a U.S. missile defence system in the Czech Republic angered Moscow

2010: The Swiss Solar Impulse aircraft remained aloft for 24 hours, a record for a solar powered craft

2013: Egypt's political crisis escalated when troops shot dead 50 supporters of the ousted President Morsi