



Today in History

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▲ Maritime experts predicted that up to 70% of the world's coral reefs could be destroyed by 2050 due to global warming, pollution, fishing and coastal development

1903: The ice-cream cone was patented in New York by Italian merchant Italo Marcione

1993: The European Community ratified a treaty creating the European Economic Area

1998: Puerto Rico chose to retain its status as a commonwealth of the U.S. rather than opting for full statehood

2003: Deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. troops in his hometown of Tikrit