



Today in History

December 9, 1843

▲ The first commercially available Christmas card was created in England. Two batches totalling 2,050 cards were printed and sold for a shilling each

1884: Ball-bearing roller skates were patented in Chicago, allowing greater speed with less effort

1979: The WHO certified that smallpox had been eradicated

2002: United Airlines, the world's second largest carrier, filed for bankruptcy

2002: The Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park, one of the world's largest game reserves, was inaugurated