



Today in History

December 28, 1869

▲ **William Finley Semple, a dentist from Ohio, was the first person to receive a patent for chewing gum, believing that it would help keep teeth clean**

1904: The first weather reports relayed by wireless telegraph were transmitted from London

1945: The U.S. Congress adopted The Pledge of Allegiance, a patriotic oath of loyalty to be recited daily by American schoolchildren

1998: Bad weather claimed six lives in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race

2001: The U.S. formally granted permanent normal trade relations status to China