



Today in History

March 13, 1877

▲ **A first U.S. patent for earmuffs was issued to a teenager who initially used a pair of beaver fur pads on a wire frame to stop his ears stinging while ice skating**

1999: A world heavyweight boxing title bout between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis was controversially declared a draw

2004: Opera star Luciano Pavarotti got an 11-minute ovation after his last performance, in Puccini's *Tosca*

2004: Iran suspended international inspection of its nuclear facilities

2023: Cyclone Freddy battered southern Africa for a second time in its five-week duration