



Today in History

December 25, 1584

▲ An Estonian Lutheran pastor described setting up a decorated spruce tree in the market square, the earliest known written reference to a Christmas tree

1620: The Pilgrim Fathers aboard the Mayflower proclaimed a colony at Plymouth Rock, a symbolic moment in American history

1741: Anders Celsius devised the centigrade temperature scale

1983: Renowned Catalan artist Joan Miro died at the age of 90

1995: The annual Christmas party on Sydney's Bondi Beach ended in a mass punch-up involving thousands of rather too merry revellers