



Today in History

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▲ The word “hamburger”, derived from Hamburg steak, a form of pounded beef introduced by German immigrants, was first used in print in a U.S. newspaper

1592: Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, who built the Taj Mahal, was born

1896: The first public account of Wilhelm Roentgen’s discovery of X-rays was published in Austria

2002: Afghan officials said that the surrender of Taliban forces in their last redoubt was complete but that leader Mullah Muhammad Omar had escaped

2004: Astronomers reported that the giant star LBV 1806-20 was at least 150 times bigger than the sun