



## Today in History

*March 20, 1792*

▲ **Revolutionary France adopted the guillotine as the official means of execution. It remained the legal method until France abolished the death penalty in 1981**

**1956:** Tunisia was granted full independence from France

**1976:** Following an eight-week trial, San Francisco newspaper heiress Patty Hearst was found guilty of armed robbery for her part in a bank hold-up in April 1974

**2001:** The world's biggest offshore oil rig sank off the coast of Brazil

**2009:** The Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Illinois discovered a new subatomic particle, Y(4140)