



Today in History

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▲ **Precise radiocarbon dating of bone fragments from Stonehenge indicated it was built between 2550 and 1600 BC, around 1,000 years earlier than previously thought**

1841: Edgar Allan Poe published his first detective story, *The Murders in the Rue Morgue*

1956: Tunisia was granted full independence from France

1976: San Francisco newspaper heiress Patty Hearst was found guilty of armed robbery

1996: The British government admitted that BSE – known as “mad cow disease” – could probably be transmitted to humans