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Today's featured article



Fighting in ice hockey is an established aspect of the sport with a long history involving many levels of amateur and professional play and including some notable individual fights. Although the target of criticism, it is a considerable draw for the sport and is for some fans the primary reason to attend games. Fighting is usually the role of one or more enforcers on a given hockey team and is governed by a complex system of unwritten rules that players, coaches, officials, and the media refer to as "the code." Some fights are spontaneous and others are premeditated by the participants. While officials tolerate fighting during hockey games, they impose a variety of penalties on players who engage in fights. Broadly speaking, fighting exists in organized ice hockey to protect star players, who are generally discouraged by their coaches from fighting because of fear of injury, to deter opposing players from overly rough play, and to create a sense of solidarity among teammates. Despite its potentially negative consequences, such as heavier enforcers knocking each other out, administrators like Gary Bettman of the NHL are not considering eliminating fighting from the game since most players consider it essential. Additionally, the majority of fans oppose eliminating fights from professional hockey games. However, considerable opposition to fighting and efforts to eliminate it continue. (**more...**)

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- ...that while **Angelina di Marsciano** (*pictured*) was preaching in Naples, she was arrested under charges of sorcery and Manichaeism, because of how readily young women accepted her call to virginity?
- ...that for special effects in the 2001 Cambodian film, *The Snake King's Child*, live snakes were glued to a cap worn by the lead actress?
- ...that on the same day **Arbroath beat Bon Accord 36-0 in the Scottish Cup** that 18 miles away in Dundee, Dundee Harp had beaten Aberdeen Rovers 35-0?
- ...that the known writings of **Caius, Presbyter of Rome** exist only in fragments, many of which were preserved in the *Ecclesiastical History* of Eusebius of Caesarea?
- ...that Pakistani artist **Anwar Shemza** changed his name so it would match that of his studio in Lahore?
- ...that the auto racing division of Sigma Automotive (later known as **SARD**) became the first Japanese team to compete in the 1973 24 Hours of Le Mans?
- ...that family lawyer **Harry Fain** played a significant role in the introduction of no-fault divorce law in California in 1970?



In the news

- TAM Linhas Aéreas **Flight 3054** (*wreckage pictured*) crashes with 186 people on board after skidding off a runway at Congonhas International Airport in São Paulo, Brazil.
- The International Atomic Energy Agency confirms that North Korea has shut down all five of the facilities at the **Yongbyon nuclear center** as the six-party talks resume in Beijing.
- **Shimon Peres** is sworn in as the ninth President of Israel.
- The Japanese government orders the **Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Plant** closed pending safety checks after an earthquake caused a leak.
- Russia announces its intended suspension of observance of the **Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe**.
- The **Fifteenth Pan American Games** begin in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Pakistani forces storm the Lal Masjid in Islamabad, bringing a **seven-day siege** to an end.
- Pope Benedict XVI **removes restrictions** on celebrating the old Latin Mass.



On this day...

July 19:

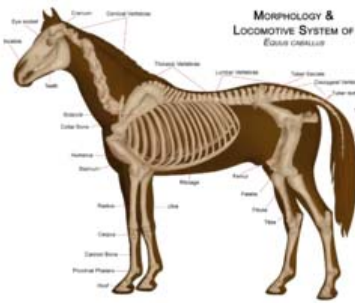
- 711 – Muslim conquests: Moorish Umayyad invaders led by **Tariq ibn-Ziyad** defeated Roderic and the Visigoths at the Battle of Guadalete.
- 1553 – Lady Jane Grey was replaced by **Mary I of England** (*pictured*) as Queen of England after holding that title for just nine days.
- 1848 – The two-day **Women's Rights Convention**, the first women's rights and feminist convention held in the United States, opened in Seneca Falls, New York.
- 1870 – A dispute over who would become the next Spanish monarch following Isabella II's abdication two years prior during the Glorious Revolution led France to **declare war** on Prussia.
- 1947 – Burmese nationalist **Aung San** and six of his newly formed cabinet members were assassinated during a cabinet meeting.



More events on this day...

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Today's featured picture



The morphology and locomotive system of *Equus caballus* (a common horse). Because horses and humans have lived and worked together for thousands of years, an extensive specialized vocabulary has arisen to describe virtually every horse behavioral and anatomical characteristic with a high degree of precision. **Horse anatomy** comes with a large number of horse specific terms.

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