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From today's featured article



Female polar bear

The **polar bear** is a large [bear](#) native to the [Arctic](#) and nearby areas. Closely related to the [brown bear](#), the polar bear is the largest extant species of bear and land [carnivore](#), with adult males weighing 300 to 800 kg (700 to 1,800 lb). It has white or yellowish fur with black skin and a thick layer of fat. Polar bears live both on land and [on sea ice](#), and usually live solitarily. They mainly prey on [seals](#), especially [ringed seals](#). Male bears guard females during the breeding season and defend them from rivals. Mothers give birth to cubs in [maternity dens](#) during the winter. The [International Union for Conservation of Nature](#) considers polar bears a [vulnerable species](#). Their biggest threat is [climate change](#) as global warming has led to a [decline in sea ice in the Arctic](#). They have been hunted for their coats, meat and other items. They have been kept in captivity and have played important roles in culture. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that **Frankee Connolly** (*pictured*) signed to [Xenomania](#) and took her first singing lessons – in that order?
- ... that almost all members of a flock of [tufted jays](#) work together to build a nest?
- ... that **Sarah McCreanor** imitates objects under [hydraulic presses](#) through dance?
- ... that former US president Theodore Roosevelt was shot in front of the [Gilpatrick Hotel](#) in 1912?
- ... that Olympic [hammer thrower](#) **Tamer Balci** was later cast in a movie as [Tarzan](#)?
- ... that [TV stations in Nashville](#) and [in Memphis, Tennessee](#), both on channel 30, lost their [Fox](#) affiliations in 1990?
- ... that the mild climate in the remote mountain village of [Wakan](#) in Oman allows the growth of fruits such as [pomegranates](#) in an otherwise hot and dry country?
- ... that football player **Brad Kragthorpe** played in an exhibition game named after his grandfather?



Frankee Connolly

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In the news

- Following [the general election](#), [Feleti Teo](#) (*pictured*) is appointed [Prime Minister of Tuvalu](#).
- The [Odysseus](#) robotic lander of the [IM-1](#) mission performs the first [commercial](#) soft [landing on the Moon](#).

- At **the British Academy Film Awards**, *Oppenheimer* wins **Best Film** and six other awards.
- Russian opposition leader **Alexei Navalny** dies in a **corrective labor colony** near **Kharp**, at the age of 47.



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On this day

February 27: Feast day of **Saint Gregory of Narek** (Catholicism)

- **1776** – **American Revolutionary War**: A **Patriot** victory at the **Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge** resulted in the arrests of 850 **Loyalists** over the following days.
- **1814** – **Peninsular War**: In the south of France, Spanish, British and Portuguese soldiers under the command of **Arthur Wellesley** defeated French soldiers in the **Battle of Orthez**, causing the French to retreat east.
- **1988** – The Armenian community of **Sumgait** in Azerbaijan was the target of **a violent pogrom** (*memorial pictured*).
- **1996** – The multimedia franchise ***Pokémon*** was launched with the release of the video games ***Pocket Monsters Red and Green***.



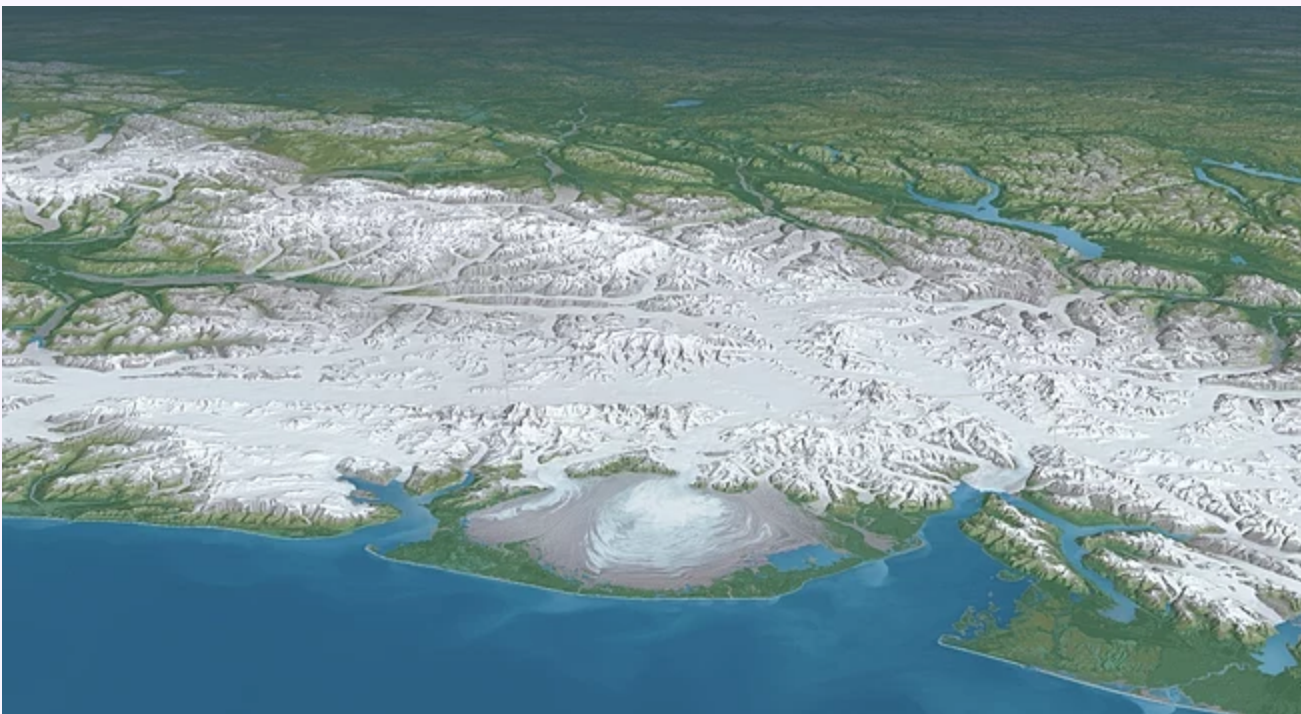
Memorial to the victims of the Sumgait pogrom

Robert of Melun (d. 1167) · **Alice Hamilton** (b. 1869) · **Ganesh Vasudev Mavalankar** (d. 1956) · **Leah Poulton** (b. 1984)

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The **Malaspina Glacier** is the largest **piedmont glacier** in the world, situated at the head of the **Alaska Panhandle** in the United States. It is about 65 kilometers (40 mi) wide and 45 kilometers (28 mi) long, with an area of 3,900 km² (1,500 sq mi). The glacier is up to 600 meters (2,000 ft) thick in places, with the elevation of its bottom being estimated to be up to 300 meters (980 ft) below sea level. This three-dimensional rendered panoramic map shows the Malaspina Glacier and surrounding area in 2021 – the glacier is at the front and

center, with its concentric rings of ice, rubble and meltwater visible. The map was created using a digital elevation model with height samples every 22.5 metres (74 ft) based on United States and Canadian government data. The natural colors represent water, snow and ice, barren land, low vegetation, broadleaf forest, needleleaf forest, and wetland.

Panoramic map credit: Tom Patterson













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