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From today's featured article



Suillus salmonicolor, the slippery Jill, is a **fungus** in the family **Suillaceae**. Its

mushrooms appear scattered or in groups on the ground near the roots of **pine trees**, because the fungus exchanges nutrients with the roots in a mutually beneficial **mycorrhizal association**. It is found in North America (including **Hawaii**), Asia, the Caribbean, South Africa, Australia and Central America. The mushroom's dingy yellow to brownish **cap**, up to 9.5 cm (3.7 in) wide, can be rounded or flattened, and is slimy when wet. The small yellow pores on its underside become olive-brown with age. The **stem** is up to 10 cm (3.9 in) long and 1.6 cm (0.6 in) thick and is covered with reddish-brown glandular dots. Young specimens are covered with a grayish, slimy **partial veil** that later ruptures, leaving a sheathlike **ring** on the stem. Although the mushroom is generally considered **edible**—especially if the slimy **cap cuticle** and partial veil are first peeled off—opinions about its palatability vary. Similar species include *S. acidus*, *S. subalutaceus*, and *S. intermedius*.
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- ... that on this day in 1572, **Elizabeth I** and her court saw a play



In the news

- More than 49,000 men in England and Wales are retroactively pardoned under the **Alan Turing law**, after being cautioned or convicted under historical legislation that outlawed homosexual acts.
- Morocco** is **readmitted** to the **African Union** despite an ongoing dispute over **Western Sahara**.
- The **Winter X Games** conclude with the United States winning seven gold medals (*snowboarder [Elena Hight](#) pictured*).
- A gunman kills six people and injures eight others in a **mass shooting** at a mosque in **Quebec City**, Canada.
- A **cold wave** affects **North India**.



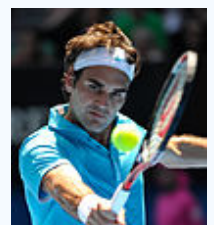
Elena Hight

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On this day...

February 2: Groundhog Day in Canada and the United States

- 1141 – **Stephen, King of England** was captured by forces loyal to



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her court saw a play
 about the rape victim
Timoclea (pictured)
 acted by London
 schoolboys?

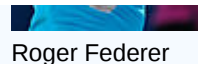


Timoclea

- ... that approximately 80% of residents of **Lusaka, Zambia**, live in **kombonis**?
- ... that **crab apples** were regarded as talismans against **Wen Shen**, the Chinese god of pestilence?
- ... that the ancient **Clattern Bridge** was a **medieval football** goal and **scolds** were **ducked** there too?
- ... that the bass **Thomas Thomaschke** appeared as Wagner's **Hunding** at **La Scala**, as Mozart's **Sarastro** in **Glyndebourne**, and recorded Bach's *Mit Fried und Freud* with **Harnoncourt**?
- ... that **"to rob Peter to pay Paul"** means to eliminate one debt by incurring another?
- ... that **Cowan Hyde** was just 14 years old when he played for the **Memphis Red Sox** professional baseball team?

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the **Empress Matilda** at the **Battle of Lincoln**.



Roger Federer

- **1709** – Scottish sailor **Alexander Selkirk** was rescued by English captain **Woodes Rogers** and the crew of the *Duke* after spending four years as a **castaway** on an **uninhabited island** in the **Juan Fernández archipelago**, providing the inspiration for **Daniel Defoe's** novel *Robinson Crusoe*.
- **1934** – The **Export-Import Bank**, the United States' official **export credit agency**, was established.
- **2004** – Swiss tennis player **Roger Federer** (pictured) became the **top-ranked men's singles player**, a position he held for a record 237 consecutive weeks.

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