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*Thinkers think and doers do.  
But until the thinkers do and the doers think,  
progress will be just another word in the already overburdened vocabulary of  
the talkers who talk.*  
~Anonymous

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## Web Sites

### Play Tennis Day – 23rd Feb each year

What better way could there be to keep your body fit than to do sports? There are hundreds of sports, both team and individual, guaranteeing that everyone can find something that is just right for him or her. Tennis has been a favorite sport of many since the 19th century, so if you haven't yet, it is high time you tried it!

### The History of Play Tennis Day

As we know it, tennis has been around since the mid 1800s, when two friends Harry Gem and Augurio Perera developed the game on Perera's lawn in England. The first tennis club was created soon after, in 1872, and had just 4 members at the beginning of its existence. However, the origins of the sport of tennis can be traced back to twelfth century France, where it was played by hitting the ball with the hands instead of a racket. In fact, King Louis X was a big fan of the game that was then called jeu de paume ("game of the palm"), and is considered the world's first tennis player known by name. Since then, tennis has of course evolved greatly into the competition we know today, played by thousands and followed by millions of fans from around the world. Because of this, it is likely that the origins of Play Tennis Day can be traced back many hundred years.

### How to Celebrate Play Tennis Day

The best way to enjoy Play Tennis Day is, of course, to pick up a few balls, a racket that's relatively light and easy to hold, and head down to the local court. Bring a friend or loved one along for an added bonus and enjoy a sunny afternoon of serves and volleys. However, if you are not yet overly familiar with this sport or have never even picked up a racket, don't worry! Play Tennis Day is also a great way to become introduced to the sport itself. Tennis is a fun but extremely intense game that pits you against your opponent one on one, with

no team members to support you and nobody to rely on but yourself, and it is both physically and psychologically demanding. This is why it is generally considered a good sport for especially those with a strong sense of independence and plenty of drive and determination. Sign up for lessons with a qualified instructor to learn the basics and prepare yourself for the intensity of a real game. Alternately, you could celebrate this day by simply sitting down and watching a professional match, which can prove to be much more exciting than you may be anticipating—tennis is nothing like golf, to be sure. It is especially inspiring to watch the disabled play tennis and vanquish their disabilities at every turn by racing to and fro across the court in order to make it to that ball on time. If you ever have the chance to do so, it is a huge eye-opener to play a disabled opponent as well, as he or she will definitely shock you with agility and skill and force you to step up your game to avoid losing every single set. Whatever way you choose to celebrate it, Play Tennis Day is indeed a fun way to pay tribute to such a fast-paced sport.h

### **Tennis.com**

Tennis.com, the official site of Tennis Magazine, provides up-to-date coverage from the world of tennis. The site provides news stories, player profiles, tennis lessons from professional players, fitness stories, tennis gear reviews, plus more.

<http://www.tennis.com/>

### **University of Sydney: Tennis Racket Physics**

An illustrated discussion about the physics principles associated with tennis rackets and sweet spots.

<http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/~cross/tennis.html>

### **Ducksters: Professional Tennis for Kids**

Kids learn about professional tennis. The history of the sport as well as fun facts.

[http://www.ducksters.com/sports/professional\\_tennis.php](http://www.ducksters.com/sports/professional_tennis.php)

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## **Hardware/Software**

### **Take a Touch Bar Screenshot**

Apple has created a new shortcut that lets you take a screenshot of what's happening on your Touch Bar: Press Shift-Command-6 to grab a picture of what is currently displayed on your Touch Bar, or use Grab to take a timed shot. You can press Control-Shift-Command-6 to copy the picture to the clipboard.

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## **Hints/Tips**

## Digital Crown (Apple Watch)

One little known talent to the Digital Crown — tap it to get to your circle of apps and scroll the circle of apps around until the app you want to launch is at the centre of the display. Dial Digital Crown clockwise and the app will launch — not so many people are aware of this.

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

*What letters express the most agreeable people in the world?*

Answer: U and I.

*What letter of the alphabet is needed to make a shoe?*

Answer: The last.

*What did the kid say when he opened his piggy bank and found nothing?*

Answer: OICURMT.

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## This Day in History

### *Birthdates which occurred on February 24:*

1766 Samuel Wesley Bristol England, composer/organist (Exultate Deo)

1836 Winslow Homer US, painter (Gulfstream)

1874 Honus Wagner HOF shortstop (Pittsburgh Pirates, 1900–17)

1934 Linda Cristal Buenos Aires Argentina, actress (Victoria–High Chapparral)

1938 James Farentino Brooklyn NY, actor (Dead & Buried, Final Countdown)

1946 Barry Bostwick San Mateo CA, actor (Spin City, Rocky Horror Picture Show, Lexx, Megaforce, Movie Movie, Scruples, Foul Play)

1952 Tom Burleson USA, basketball (Olympics–silver–1972) tallest Olympian–7'4"

1955 Steven Jobs cofounder of Apple Computer

1966 Billy Zane actor (Orlando, Memphis Belle, Millions, Titanic)

1970 Jonathan Ward Baltimore MD, actor (Doug–Charles in Charge, Beans Baxter)

1977 Floyd Mayweather Grand Rapids MI, featherweight boxer (Olympics–bronze–96)

### *On This Day:*

0303 1st official Roman edict for persecution of Christians issued

1208 St Francis of Assisi, 26, received his vocation in Portiuncula Italy

1510 Pope Julius II excommunicates the republic of Venice

1541 Santiago, Chile founded by Pedro de Valdivia

1581 Pope Gregory approves the results of his calendar reform commission

1582 Pope Gregory XIII announces New Style (Gregorian) calendar  
1803 Supreme Court 1st rules a law unconstitutional (Marbury vs Madison)  
1821 Mexico gains independence from Spain  
1839 Steam shovel patented by William Otis, Philadelphia  
1863 Arizona Territory created  
1868 House of Representatives vote 126 to 47, to impeach President Andrew Johnson  
1881 De Lesseps' Company begins work on Panamá Canal  
1894 Nicaragua captures Tegucigalpa, Honduras (National Day, sort of)  
1895 Cuban war of independence begins  
1933 League of Nations tells Japanese to pull out of Manchuria  
1938 Du Pont begins commercial production of nylon toothbrush bristles  
1944 Argentina coup by Juan Peron minister of war  
1965 Beatles begin filming "Help" in the Bahamas  
1977 President Carter announces US foreign aid will consider human rights  
1979 Highest price ever paid for a pig, \$42,500, Stamford TX  
1980 USA Olympics hockey team beats Finland (4-2) & wins gold medal  
1981 Britain's Prince Charles announces engagement to Lady Diana Spencer  
1982 Wayne Gretzky scores NHL-record 78th goal of season en route to 92  
1985 Yul Brynner reprised his role in "The King & I"  
1987 Los Angeles Laker Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scores his 36,000th NBA point  
1998 Elton John knighted  
1998 NHL resumes season since Feb 8th to accommodate the Olympics  
2002 XIX winter Olympics closes in Salt Lake City UT/Québec City

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