



Today in History

August 18, 1743

▲ The first boxing rules, drafted by bare-knuckle fighter John Broughton, were approved. They introduced a ban on hitting an adversary when he is down

1572: French princess Margaret of Valois, a Catholic, was married to Huguenot king Henry III of Navarre

1868: French astronomer Pierre Janssen discovered helium after analysing the solar spectrum

1960: The first oral contraceptive went on sale in the U.S. The pill is now used by over 100 million women worldwide

1997: The U.S. announced it would support a Canadian-led campaign for an international ban on landmines