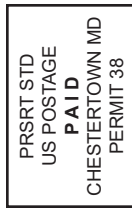


Trivia



While the popular story is that St. Patrick banished all of the snakes from Ireland the truth is that there were never any snakes in Ireland to begin with. A look through Ireland's fossil record shows that the reptiles never made it to Ireland and for most of history it's likely that Ireland was too cold for them.



Currently, Asia is earth's largest continent at approximately 17,300,000 sq miles (44,806,812 sq km). Africa comes in second at about 11,700,000 sq miles (30,300,000 sq km). However, the continental drift theory suggests that the continents have moved over the years through the process of plate tectonics. Many geologists believe that, during the Mesozoic era, all of the continents combined to form a supercontinent known as Pangaea, which would have dwarfed the largest continent today. It is believed that Pangaea began to break up about 200 million years ago.

A group of lemurs is called a conspiracy.

With a toothy coastline of 2,650 miles (4,265 km), Chile accounts for more than half of the western coastline of South America. This razor-thin country is wedged between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes, the Earth's longest mountain range.

The Flintstones was the first animated series made for prime-time network television. It was broadcast from September 30, 1960 to April 1, 1966 on ABC and was the most financially successful network animated franchise for nearly three decades, until it was finally overtaken by *The Simpsons*.

The Vernal Equinox occurs around March 20th or 21st. This is when the sun is directly above the equator, making the day and night equal length.

The highest current denomination is the \$100 bill. The highest bill ever printed, however, was a \$100,000 note that was printed from December 18, 1934 to January 9, 1935. It was used only for official transactions between Federal Reserve Banks. President Woodrow Wilson was pictured on the front.



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Dates in History

1839 On March 23rd, the initials "O.K." are first published in the Boston Morning Post. Used as an abbreviation for "oll korrekt" which was a popular slang misspelling of "all correct" the word "Ok" slowly made its way into the vocabulary of all Americans.

1862 On March 9th, during the American Civil War, the ironclads Monitor and Virginia (formerly Merrimack) battled in the harbour at Hampton Roads, Virginia, marking the beginning of a new era of naval warfare.

1931 On March 3rd, the Star-Spangled Banner, written by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812, was officially adopted as the national anthem of the United States by an act of Congress.

1961 On March 1st, President John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps. It is a successful volunteer organization that has since sent at least 235,000 Americans abroad to developing countries to help with health care, education, and other humanitarian needs.

2007 On March 1st, a detachment of 170 Swiss infantrymen accidentally invaded neighboring Liechtenstein when they got lost on a training mission. Luckily, after explaining the mistake to Liechtenstein, the Swiss army was given directions and returned home safely.

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On the Lighter Side



A burglar was sneaking into a museum, and he had to get past the guard on duty. The guard had his head in his hands, and he was crying. "I can't believe I've worked here for 10 years, and everyone has forgotten my birthday again! Longer hours, more work, and no appreciation! I can't do this anymore", the guard said to himself as he continued to sob. The burglar could easily sneak past, but found himself feeling bad for the guard. Instead of proceeding with his plan, the burglar's sympathy for the guard got the better of him. He marched right down to the museum curator's office and kicked in the door. There sat the curator, the head of HR, and the head of security in a meeting. "How did you get past the guard!?" shouted the curator. "Gentlemen," said the burglar, "I'm afraid you have let your guard down."

Sometimes February feels like it will last forever...
But time Marches on.

Teacher: "Why are you crawling into class, John?"
You said, "Don't anyone dare walk into my class late!"

Two friends are walking their dogs, a Dalmatian and a Chihuahua, when they smelled something delicious coming from a nearby restaurant. The guy with the Dalmatian says, "Let's get something to eat." But the guy with the Chihuahua says, "We can't go in there, we have dogs with us." So the first guy says, "Just follow my lead." He puts on a pair of sunglasses and walks into the restaurant. "Sorry," says the owner, "no pets allowed." "But this is my seeing-eye dog," the guy with the Dalmatian says. "A Dalmatian?" "Yes, they're using them now." The owner says, "Very well, then, come on in." The guy with the Chihuahua repeats the process and gets the same response from the owner: "Sorry, pal, no pets allowed." "But this is my seeing-eye dog," says the second guy. "A Chihuahua?" asks the incredulous owner. "A Chihuahua?!" says the man in the dark glasses. "They gave me a Chihuahua?!"



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