

Trivia

did you know that ...

On October 11, 1975, NBC debuted SNL, a late Saturday night show that was more or less, a filler. It wasn't expected to do much or do it well. After all, it was replacing re-runs of The Tonight Show.

The Hundred Years War lasted for 116 years.

General Lew Wallace's best-seller Ben Hur was the first work of fiction blessed by a Pope.

Hens will produce larger eggs as they grow older.

Since the United Nations was founded in 1945, there have been 140 wars.

Ray Kroc bought McDonalds for \$2.7 million in 1961 from the McDonald brothers.

The word "moose" comes from the native Algonquian Indian word meaning "twig eater."

Tohru Iwatani, the inventor of the video game Pac-Man, came up with the idea when he saw a pizza with a slice missing at a dinner party.

In 1867, the American government became seriously worried about the British North America Act, under which Canada would be declared one Dominion. Fearing that the "Dominion" was going to be too complete for comfort, the U.S. Secretary of State negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia, for \$7.2 million.

During WWII, because a lot of players were called to duty, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles combined to become The Steagles.

The most senior crayon maker, Emerson Moser, retired after making 1.4 billion crayons for Crayola. It was then that he revealed that he was actually color-blind.

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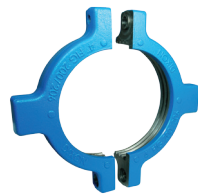
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Dates in History

1792 On February 20th, President George Washington signed legislation renewing the United States Post Office as a cabinet department led by the postmaster general, guaranteeing inexpensive delivery of all newspapers, stipulating the right to privacy and granting Congress the ability to expand postal service to new areas of the nation.

1812 On February 7th, the most violent of a series of earthquakes near Missouri caused a so-called fluvial tsunami in the Mississippi River, actually making the river run backward for several hours. The series of tremors, which took place between December 1811 and March 1812, were the most powerful in the history of the United States.

1862 On February 25th, the U.S. Congress passed the Legal Tender Act, authorizing the use of paper notes to pay the government's bills. This ended the long-standing policy of using only gold or silver in transactions, and it allowed the government to finance the enormously costly Civil War long after its gold and silver reserves were depleted.

1887 On February 2nd, Groundhog Day, featuring a rodent meteorologist, was celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

1954 On February 23rd, a group of children from Arsenal Elementary School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, received the first injections of the new polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk. Though not as devastating as the plague or influenza, poliomyelitis was a highly contagious disease that emerged in terrifying outbreaks and seemed impossible to stop. Attacking the nerve cells and sometimes the central nervous system, polio caused muscle deterioration, paralysis and even death.

On the Lighter Side

Wanda's dishwasher quit working so she called a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a check."

"Oh, by the way don't worry about my bulldog Spike. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!" "I REPEAT, DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!"

When the repairman arrived at Wanda's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking bulldog he had ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling. Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled, "Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Spike!"

Three contractors are bidding to fix the White House fence. One from New Jersey, another from Tennessee and the third, Florida. They go with a White House official to examine the fence. The Florida contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well," he says. "I figure the job will run about \$900: \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew and \$100 profit for me." The Tennessee contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$700: \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew and \$100 profit for me." The New Jersey contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the White House official and whispers: "\$2,700." The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?" "Easy," the Jerseyian explains, "\$1,000 for you, \$1,000 for me and we hire the guy from Tennessee."