

Trivia

did you know that ...

Tallest man made monument in the United States is the Gateway Arch, in St. Louis, Missouri.

The first library established in North America was in 1638 at Harvard College and the initial collection consisted of 329 religious and philosophical texts.

The design of an American coin can be changed once every 25 years without Congressional approval.

The city of Virgilina is named from bordering both states Virginia and North Carolina.

The first person honored as Man of the Year by Time magazine was Charles Lindbergh in 1927.

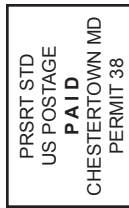
Ohio, known as the 17th state, technically did not become a state until August 7, 1953. Due to an oversight, Congress never voted on the resolution to admit Ohio to the Union until that date.

The most remote weather station in the world is located in Canada, Eureka weather station is 600 miles from the North Pole.

The southernmost state capital in the United States is Honolulu, Hawaii.

The northernmost state capital in the United States is Juneau, Alaska.

Cal Hubbard is the only man elected to both the Baseball and Football Halls of Fame. Playing tackle for the Green Bay Packers and New York Giants, he also became an American League umpire after his retirement from football.



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Dates in History

1540 On September 27th, in Rome, the Society of Jesus--a Roman Catholic missionary organization--received its charter from Pope Paul III. The Jesuit order played an important role in the Counter-Reformation and eventually succeeded in converting millions around the world to Catholicism.

1777 On September 3rd, the American flag was flown in battle for the first time during a Revolutionary War skirmish at Cooch's Bridge, Delaware. Patriot General William Maxwell ordered the "Stars and Stripes" banner raised as a detachment of his infantry and cavalry met an advance guard of British and Hessian troops. The rebels were defeated and forced to retreat to Brandywine Creek in Pennsylvania, where they joined General George Washington's main force.

1779 On September 21st, the Louisiana governor and Spanish military officer Bernardo de Galvez, with the aide of American troops and militia volunteers, captured the British post and garrison at Baton Rouge, located in what was then British-controlled West Florida.

1927 On September 30th, Babe Ruth hit his 60th home run of the 1927 season and with it set a record that would stand for 34 years, until Roger Maris broke it in 1961.

1981 On September 25th, Sandra Day O'Connor became the first female U.S. Supreme Court justice in history when she was sworn in by Chief Justice Warren Burger.

1985 On September 11th, Cincinnati Reds player-manager Pete Rose got the 4,192nd hit of his career, breaking Ty Cobb's major league record for career hits. Rose was a folk hero in Cincinnati, a homegrown talent known as "Charlie Hustle" for his relentless work ethic.

On the Lighter Side

Three guys were sitting around talking about what being really, really famous would be like. The first guy defined it as being invited to the White House for a personal chat with the president. "Nah," disagreed the second fellow. "Real fame would be being in there chatting when the phone rings, and the president won't take the call." The third guy says they both had it wrong. "Fame," he declared, "is when you're in the Oval Office and the phone rings, the president answers it, listens for a second, and then says, 'It's for you.' "

Riddles

1. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?
2. I am weightless, but you can see me. Put me in a bucket, and I'll make it lighter. What am I?
3. Pronounced as one letter,
And written with three,
Two letters there are,
And two only in me.
I'm double, I'm single,
I'm black, blue, and gray,
I'm read from both ends,
And the same either way.
What am I?
4. I'm where yesterday follows today, and tomorrow's in the middle. What am I?
5. What jumps when it walks and sits when it stands?

Answers: 1. An ear of corn. 2. A hole. 3. An eye. 4. A dictionary. 5. A kangaroo.

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