

DID YOU KNOW?

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 4/06 | Rep. Ed Sullivan, Jr. | Illinois House of Representatives |
| 4/08 | Ajay Pathak | O.S.F. Saint Anthony's Health Center |
| 4/09 | Rodney Eveans | EVCO National, Inc. |
| 4/09 | Gary Osborne | William M. BeDell ARC |
| 4/13 | Joe Sosnowski | Illinois House of Representatives |
| 4/19 | Speaker Michael Madigan | Illinois House of Representatives |
| 4/10 | John Worries | Amsted Rail |
| 4/21 | Dr. Fred Golden | William M. BeDell ARC |

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 5/03 | J. Thomas Long | Attorney |
| 5/03 | Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie | Illinois House of Representatives |
| 5/08 | Sen. Heather Steans | Illinois State Senate |
| 5/10 | Sen. Kimberly Lightford | Illinois State Senate |
| 5/15 | Sen. Bill Brady | Illinois State Senate |
| 5/16 | Sen. Emil Jones, III | Illinois State Senate |
| 5/17 | Cheryl Thorp | Olin Corporation |
| 5/20 | Sen. Toi Hutchinson | Illinois State Senate |

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 6/01 | Sen. Mattie Hunter | Illinois State Senate |
| 6/05 | Rep. Greg Harris | Illinois House of Representatives |
| 6/06 | Chuck Parr | Riverbend Head Start & Family Services |
| 6/08 | Julie McVey | SIEA |
| 6/08 | Rep. John Cavaletto | Illinois House of Representatives |
| 6/12 | Rep. John D'Amico | Illinois House of Representatives |
| 6/13 | Rep. Luis Arroyo | Illinois House of Representatives |
| 6/20 | Rocky Eveans | EVCO National, Inc. |
| 6/27 | Sam Roberts | Roberts Ford |
| 6/27 | Jane Saale | Cope Plastics, Inc. |
| 6/27 | Sen. Kyle McCarter | Illinois State Senate |
| 6/29 | Sen. Dave Syverson | Illinois State Senate |
| 6/30 | Tom Walters | Caterpillar, Inc. |

Words Worth Noting

Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.

John F. Kennedy

The worst fear is the fear of living.
Theodore Roosevelt

All generalizations are false.
Including this one.

Mark Twain

The best about the future is that it comes one day at a time.
Abraham Lincoln

If you have only one smile, give it to the people you love.

Maya Angelou

Did You Know

A SHOT OF WHISKEY: In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a “shot” of whiskey.

BUYING THE FARM: A synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm. So if you died in battle you “bought the farm” for your survivors.

RIFF RAFF: The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south but it was expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right over rafts. The steering oar on the rafts was called a “riff” and this transposed into riff-raff meaning low class.

Vintage Darwin Awards

Semifinalist #1

Clement Vallandigham was a well-known Northern Democrat who campaigned for states' rights during the Civil War. In 1863 Vallandigham was convicted of treason for his speeches attacking the administration of President Lincoln. He was banished to the South, where he continued to voice his political views.

After the war, Vallandigham became a lawyer. In his last appearance in the courtroom, he represented a client on trial for murder. The accused man's defense was that the victim had drawn his own gun in a fashion that caused it to fire, killing himself. To prove the defense argument, Vallandigham demonstrated the victim's method of drawing a gun – using the loaded evidence gun as his prop. The firearm went off, and he lost his life – but proved his case.

Finalist

22 November 1980. The Gateway Arch soars 630 feet above the city of St. Louis. Around 9 a.m. a technician entering the park's interpretive center saw an object falling down the north leg of the arch. The object turned out to be Kenneth, 33, was trying to impress his wife on her birthday. His plan was to parachute onto the top of the arch. It didn't bother Kenneth that the park service had turned down his request for permission to jump. Kenneth had already made over 1,600 jumps. He knew what he was doing. He left his wife a note asking her to come and photograph his triumph. At 8:55 a.m. he leapt from a light plane and soared successfully to the top of the monument. He had conquered the Gateway Arch, with his wife watching from the ground! A gust of wind caught his deflated parachute and threw him off balance. He began sliding down the north leg of the arch. About halfway down, he tried to deploy his backup parachute, but it failed. He fell the rest of the way, landing head-first below.

BUT, the story goes, if the Cardinals were playing a home game, he had a helluva view for a few seconds

Thoughts About Life!!!

Camping: Where you spend a small fortune, to live like a homeless person.

When you are dead, you don't know that you are dead. It is difficult only for the others. It is the same when you are stupid.

People my age are so much older than me!

I want to grow my own food but I can't find bacon seeds.

Just spent 15 minutes searching for my phone in my car, using my phone as a flashlight.

What's the difference between bird flu and swine flu???
One requires TWEETMENT and the other requires OINKMENT.

I don't understand how I can remember every word of the song from 1964, but I can't remember why I walked into the kitchen?

HOLY HUMOR. . . .

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" "Okay" said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" It stands for "Basic Information Before Leaving Earth!"

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" "You know – Our Father, who does art in Heaven."

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said "Brother and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING.

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for $1/100^{\text{th}}$ of a second.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewable Vitamins.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.