Trivia

did you know that ...

If you stand at the equator on the first day of spring, you will see the sun pass directly overhead. This is only true two times a year, the first day of spring and the first day of autumn.

Spring fever is not just a myth. The body may experience physiological changes due to changes in diet, hormone production and temperature.

Easter is celebrated on the Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon, which is close to the first Sunday after the first full moon after spring begins.

According to superstition, the first day of spring is the only day you can stand a raw egg on its end.

According to studies by the US Department of Transportation, Daylight Savings Time saves about 1% of electricity a day.

Hurricane season begins in late spring.

Tornado alley is most active in the spring.

Seasonal allergies in the spring are a problem for 30-60 million people in the U.S. alone.

Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Monday in April. However, each state can select its own date, depending on weather conditions.

Baby birds are born with the ability to sing, but they must learn the specific songs of their species. They are able to acquire these songs between 10 to 60 days of age and begin to sing them the next spring when they are about 300 days old.

The first day of spring is called the vernal equinox. "Vernal" and "Equinox" are Latin terms meaning "spring" and "equal night".

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Dates in History

On March 1st, President Abraham Lincoln nominated Ulysses S. Grant for the newly revived rank of lieutenant general. At the time, George Washington was the only other man to have held that rank. Winfield Scott also attained the title but by brevet only; he did not actually command with it.

1872 On March 1st, President Grant signed the bill creating the nation's first national park at Yellowstone. Early in 1872, Congress moved to set aside 1,221,773 acres of public land straddling the future states of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho as America's first national park.

1888 On March 11th, one of the worlds worst blizzards in American history struck the Northeast dumping as much as 55 inches of snow in some areas.

1918 On March 3rd, Bolshevik Russia signs the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk with the Central Powers, abandoning the Allied war effort and granting independence to its Polish and Baltic territories, the Ukraine, and Finland.

1930 On March 12th, Indian independence leader Mohandes Gandhi begins a defiant march to the sea in protest of the British monopoly on salt, his boldest act of civil disobedience yet against British rule in India.

1939 On March 27th, University of Oregon defeats Ohio State University 46-33 to win the first ever NCAA men's basketball tournament.

1996 On March 2nd, the Ford Motor Company celebrated the production of its 1 millionth Mustang, a white convertible, in Dearborn, Michigan.

On the Lighter Side

Larry was a photographer for the N.Y. Times, and was scheduled to meet a plane on the runway to take him on a job. "Hit it," said Larry climbing into the first plane he saw on the runway. The pilot took off, and was soon in the air. "OK," said Larry, "fly low over the trees over there, I want to take a few pictures." "What do you mean?" asked the pilot. Larry looked at the pilot and answered a little annoyed, "I need to take some pictures for the N.Y. Times, so please....." There was a long pause, before the pilot asked in a shaky voice, "you mean you're not my pilot instructor?"

A fellow walked into a bank in New York City asking for a loan for \$4,000 dollars. "Well, before we lend you the money we are going to need some kind of security" the bank teller said. "No problem," the man responded. "Here are the keys to my car. You'll see it, it's a black Porsche parked in the back of the parking lot."

A few weeks later the man returned to pay off his loan. While he was paying it up, along with the interest of \$11 dollars, the manager came over, "sir, we are very happy to have your business, but if you don't mind me asking, after you left we looked into you and found out that you are a millionaire, why would you need to borrow \$4,000 dollars?"

"Well, the fellow responded it's quite simple, where else can I park my car for three weeks in New York for \$11 dollars?"

A lady went to a psychiatrist complaining of a terrible phobia. "Every time I lay down on my bed I get this terrible fear that there is something underneath. "Wow," responded the psychiatrist "I've never heard of such a phobia, but like all phobias it can be treated, but it will likely take around 20 sessions." "OK," responded the lady. "How much is each session?" "Oh it's just \$80 a session, but trust me it's well worth it." When the lady didn't come back to the psychiatrist he gave the lady a call. "How come I didn't hear from you? He asked." "Well," responded the lady. "When I came home and told my husband about the cost he thought he would save some money, he just cut the legs off the bed!"