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World Wide Wonders

By: Virginia O

This week we investigate the tropical island nation of Maldives.

This island nation consists of about 1,200 islands in the middle of the Indian Ocean. In 2004, lots of the islands were washed away during a tsunami. The population in the Maldives is 349,100. It's capital is Male. Also the flag looks like this:

Maldives' Flag



Many of the islands have beautiful beaches, and their national day is July 26. I hope you liked this week's column!

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/maldives>

Jokes

By: Maggie D

What happened to the kitten that got stuck in the Xerox machine?
He became a copycat!

Why do dogs bark at people? To give them a ruff time!

What is the easiest way to get a cat?
Order one from a catalog!

Why do dogs like trees so much?
They're attached to their bark!

What musical note do you hear when a car runs over a bee? Bee flat!

What's a cat's favorite country? Purrrrr-u!

INSIDE TEACHERS' LIVES

By Jacqueline S

Mrs. Gordon:

Question: What is your favorite animal?

Answer: I love dogs!

Question: How many people are in your family, and what are their names?

Answer: I have two kids, Melissa and Josh, and my husband's name is Mike.

Question: If you have a pet, what animal is it, and what is its name?

Answer: I have a dog named Gracie.

Question: What are some things you like to do outside of school?

Answer: I like to go to museums and plays. I also like to travel. And, of course, I like to read!

RANDOM FACTS

By: Kayleigh P and Sarah K

- A rat can last longer without water than a camel.
- In Tokyo, a bicycle is faster than a car for most trips of less than 50 minutes!
- There are 18 different animal shapes in the Animal Crackers cookie zoo!
- Every day 20 banks are robbed. The average take is \$2,500!
- During your lifetime, you'll eat about 60,000 pounds of food, that's the weight of about 6 elephants!
- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge a quarter has 119.
- Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country.
- Some ribbon worms will eat themselves if they can't find any food.
- The world's oldest piece of chewing gum is over 9000 years old.
- More people use blue toothbrushes than red ones.
- Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to watch T.V. for 3 hours.
- Dogs and cats consume over \$11 billion worth of pet food a year.
- In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II was named an "Honorary Harlem Globetrotter."
- Every second, Americans collectively eat one hundred pounds of chocolate.
- The fear of vegetables is called *lachanophobia*.
- There are approximately fifty Bibles sold each minute across the world.
- Every year, kids in North America spend close to half a billion dollars on chewing gum.
- Earthworms have five hearts.
- Only female mosquitoes suck blood.
- The chicken is the closest relative to the T Rex.
- A Polecat is a European weasel.
- There is such a thing as horseradish ice cream. It is sold in Tokyo Japan.
- Most people are an inch taller at night.
- Ants never sleep.
- A duck's quack will not produce an echo.
- Because celery contains negative calories, it actually takes more calories to eat one stalk than the celery contains.
- When exiting a cave, bats always turn left.
- It is impossible to kill yourself by holding your breath.
- A giraffe can clean its ears with its tongue.
- Right-handed people live an average of 9 years longer than lefties.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
- The national anthem of Greece has 158 verses. No one in Greece has memorized all 158 verses.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.

These facts came from <http://gomestic.com/entertaining/40-interesting-facts-you-will-never-need-to-know/>

Bizarre Holidays

By Rani M

March

National Frozen Food Month

Poetry Month

National Peanut Month

2 Weeks Ago

Mon. 1st - National Pig Day and Peanut Butter Lovers' Day

Tue. 2nd - Old Stuff Day

Wed. 3rd - I Want You To Be Happy Day and If Pets Had Thumbs Day, National Anthem Day and Peach Blossom Day

Thu. 4th - Holy Experiment Day

Fri. 5th - Employee Appreciation Month, Multiple Personality Day and National Salesperson Day

Sat. 6th - Dentist's Day and National Frozen Food Day

Sun. 7th - National Crown Roast Of Pork Day

Last Week

Mon. 8th - Be Nasty Day and International (Working) Women Day

Tue. 9th - Panic Day

Wed. 10th - Middle Name Pride Day

Thu. 11th - Johnny Appleseed Day and Worship of Tools Day

Fri. 12th - Girl Scouts Day and Plant A Flower Day

Sat. 13th - Ear Muff Day and Jewel Day

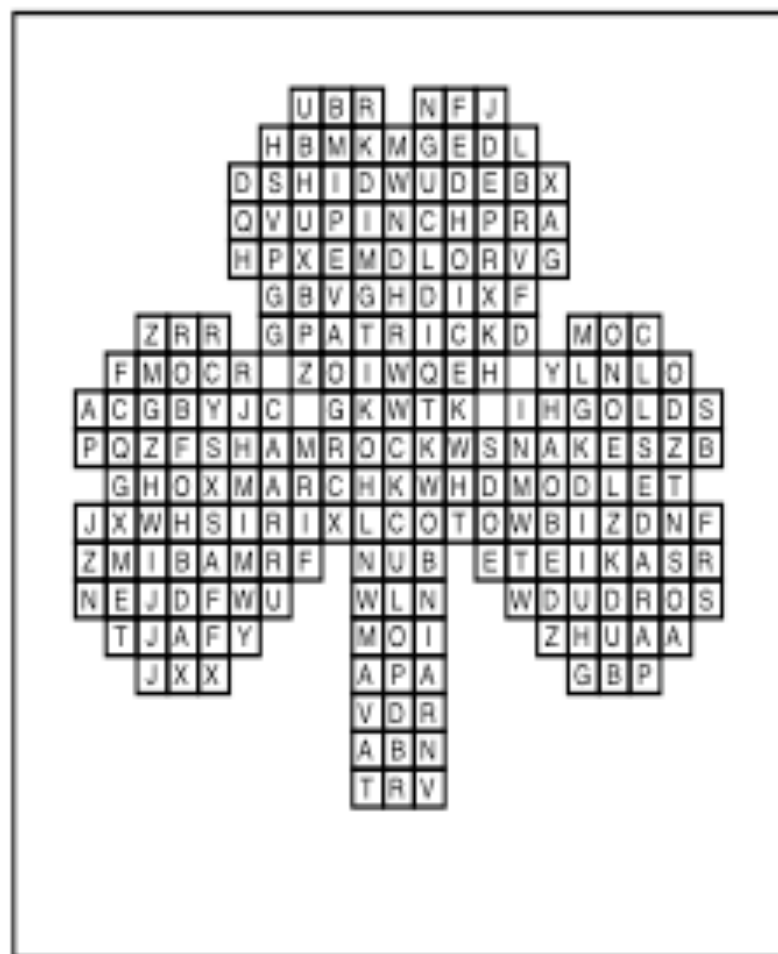
Sun. 14th - Learn About Butterflies Day, National Potato Chip Day and National Pi Day

This Week

Mon. 15th - Everything You Think Is Wrong Day, Incredible Kid Day and Dumbstruck Day

The winners of last week's puzzle are: Nicki B
 Samantha U , Peter S , Molly
 M , Ali C , Megan M
 , Johnny H , Brian
 B , and Soho L . Soho
 was the only person that put the date on, so she gets an extra piece of candy.

St. Patrick's Day



LUCK GREEN IRISH GOLD MARCH RAINBOW SHAMROCK
 PINCH PATRICK SNAKES PARADE

Crossword



ACROSS

- 2 It is the smallest planet
- 3 They fly and chirp
- 6 It is blue and it is only comes out in the daylight
- 7 It is the opposite of day time
- 9 We drink it
- 11 It is water and there are four of them
- 12 It is hot and gives us light in daytime

DOWN

- 1 A shiry thing in the sky that comes out at night
- 4 It is the opposite of night
- 5 We live on it
- 8 Like a canoe
- 10 It comes out at night and it is gray and it shines

Ask Nancy!! 😊 😊

Dear Nancy,

There is a guy on my block who doesn't like cats. He's trapped my cat twice! What should I do?

Sincerely,
GoGo1234

Dear GoGo1234,

Ask him to stop. If he is still mean to your cats, tell your parents.

Sincerely,
Nancy

Dear Nancy,

My fish recently died, so I have been very sad. Whenever I try to talk to my friends about it, they say, "Stop crying and grow up, it's just a fish!" It makes me sadder. HELP!

Signed,
Aaaawwww

Dear Aaaawwww,

Talk to your parents. They will know that you cared about your fish. Perhaps you can talk to a teacher. Tell your friends that you are sad. If they still can't support you, are they a true friend? I hope this fish of your doesn't start a fight over true friends, because I know that they won't want that.

I mourn your loss,
Nancy

Ask Alvin
Silly Advice By
Alvin

Yo Alvin!

How's it chillin'? I'm in a pickle, literally!

I can't get out! Although I might be able to eat my way out, heeeeeeeellllllllllpppppppppppp
mmmmmmmmmmeeeeeee!

Dude, I'm starting to cry. I am going out of my brine. Come quick bro!!

Thanks dude,
Gogo1234



This is a picture from Gogo1234:

Dear Gogo1234,

First off, I love your picture. Secondly, I think you are in danger of being eaten. You can get out by eating your way out like you said in the question.

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

Why do they sell pianos in malls?

From,
A person

Dear A person,

I am not sure, but a prediction is that there are a lot of stores in a mall, and one of those stores might sell pianos. This is just a guess.

Alvin

Dear nivlA,

Did you order shoes?

From,
UPS Man

Dear UPS,

Yes I did but they still haven't come. They were high heels. They are soooooo fantabulous!!

P.S. I liked how you spelled my name backwards.

OMG!!

From,
Alvin

Dear Alvin,

The Oakland Raiders ate my .02¢ hot dog. I also have earrings from Kay. What do I do?

From,
My dog

Dear Dog,

I don't know what to help you with, "Dog".

From,
Alvin

Dear Alvin,

First of all, you're wrong, and your opinions don't apply to me. Second, my infected talking potato ate my mom. Thirdly, why did you wear a bikini to my Snugersfga's funeral?

From,
TNT Man

Dear TNT,

I don't even know what a Snugersfga is!! I didn't go to its funeral.

From,
Alvin

Dear Alvin,

What is your favorite color?

From Color

Dear Color,

My favorite color is probably neon orange.

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

My toucan ate my potatoes. Then it spit up a Touch n' Brush!! My toucan also ate my infected llama and alligator. Do I need to call the zoo?

From
Anonymous Man

Dear Anonymous Man,

If you want to survive, you might want to call the zoo.

Alvin

WORLD NEWS

BY MARK F

The nation's governors will propose new learning standards in English and math from kindergarten to high school; this is a crucial step in President Obama's efforts to raise academic standards in the U.S.A. Having new academic standards would change textbooks, curriculum, teacher training, and student learning across the country. Fourth graders would have to know poetry elements such as rhythm, stanza, and verse when reading or speaking in poetry. Many people support this new curriculum, but many teachers dislike this new education. It is unsure whether they have the resources. The official date to release the new curriculum is unknown.

Meet The *STUDENT*

By Molly M..... and Megan M.....

This week we interviewed Kayleigh P

Q: What's your favorite color?

A: Blue

Q: If you were stranded on a desert island, what 3 things would you take?

A: 1.) Food. 2.) House 3.) Water

Q: What's your dream vacation?

A: Ireland because she's always wanted to go there

Q: What's your favorite Olympic sport?

A: Summer: Swimming Winter: Ski jumping

Q: What's your least favorite book?

A: The Ancient Greeks

Q: What's your favorite book?

A: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Q: What do you do on snow days?

A: Play in the snow

Q: If you could only live on one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

A: Pizza

Q: What makes you bored?

A: Her soccer coach's lectures

Q: What's your favorite sport?

A: Swimming

St. Baldrick's Foundation

Have you seen some baldies around Skokie School? Students and teachers have shaved their heads to support the St. Baldrick's Foundation. This foundation funds research for childhood cancer cures. In 2009, \$12 million was raised. To date, \$11,473,470 has been raised in 2010. This year, 26,438 males have shaved their heads for St. Baldrick's. 2,912 females have also shaved their heads!

For further information, go to the foundation's website:
www.stbaldricks.org