

# Skokie Tribune

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# WORLD NEWS

BY MARK F

In Reykjavik, Iceland, the Eyjafjallajoekull volcano has been erupting. Because the volcano was located under glaciers, this has been causing floods, and many people have had to evacuate.

Meanwhile in the rest of the world, the ash clouds are disrupting many flights, causing people to get stranded. This disruption has cost the international air transport association about \$1.7 billion daily. Also, this has affected 1.2 million travelers a day. Many airports are returning to normal and resuming flights to Europe, but some worry it may not be safe.

# Ask Alvin

## By of course: ALVIN

A telegram for Alvin,

Dear Alvin,

What is your true identity? --- If you cannot tell, that is okay. --- Have a nice day. ---

From,  
Sir Glockenspiel

Dear Sir,

I am sorry, but I cannot reveal my true identity yet. You will have to wait until the last issue to find out!!!

Mysterious Alvin

Dear Alvin,

I gave girl earrings for Valentines Day, but she threw them away. What should I do?

From,  
Mr. T

Dear Mr. T,

Just keep trying. Maybe you can wear her down!

From,  
Bad Advice

### Alvin has a question to all the Skokie Schoolers:

Which guest star on SNL did you like best in the 2009 Season?

Put your answer in my box, and you will be in the next edition of the Ask **Alvin** column!!

The winners of last weeks puzzle are: Beth C  
Alyssa H, and Erin D

: Jack S



For word search go here:

<http://printables.kaboose.com/earth-day-word-search-hard.pdf>

## Bizarre Holidays

By Rani M

### *April*

International Guitar Month  
International Humor Month  
Poetry Month  
National Pecan Month  
Stress Awareness Month

### *May*

National BBQ Month  
National Bike Month  
National Hamburger Month  
National Photo Month  
National Salad Month

### *Last Week*

Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> – Babe Ruth Day, National Prime Rib Day and Tell A Story Day  
Tue. 28<sup>th</sup> – Great Poetry Reading Day  
Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> - National Shrimp Scampi Day  
Thu. 30<sup>th</sup> - Hairstyle Appreciation Day and National Honesty Day  
Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> – May Day, Loyalty Day, Mother Goose Day and Save the Rhino Day  
Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Baby Brothers’ Day and Sisters’ Day  
Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lumpy Rug Day

### *This Week*

Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> – National Candied Orange Peel Day, Bird Day, National Teachers’ Day and Renewal Day  
Tue. 5<sup>th</sup> – CINCO DE MAYO and Oyster Day  
Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> – Beverage Day, National Tourist Appreciation Day, National Nurses’ Day and No Diet Day  
Thu. 7<sup>th</sup> – International Tuba Day and Space Day  
Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> – No Socks Day and Iris Day  
Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> – National Train Day  
Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> – Clean Up Your Room Day

\*All holidays were found at <http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/may.htm> and <http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/april.htm>

# Jokes

By: Maggie D

WHAT DID THE FARMER GET WHEN HE CROSSED A  
COW WITH A DUCK?

Cheese and quackers!

WHY DID THE GROCER CROSS A CHICKEN WITH A  
CENTIPEDE?

He wanted to have a hundred drumsticks to sell!

WHAT FOOD DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A DOG  
WITH A FLOWER?

Collie-flower

WHERE DO YOU GET NONFAT MILK?

Skinny cows!

WHAT PART OF YOUR BODY IS MOST LIKE A BABY  
ANIMAL?

Your calf!

HOW DO YOU FIX AN INJURED DUCK?

Duck tape!

# RANDOM FACTS

BY: KAYLEIGH P AND SARAH K

- A goldfish has a memory span of about 3 seconds.
- Men's shirts have the buttons on the right while women's shirts have the buttons on the left.
- Roosters have to extend their necks in order to crow.
- There are about 540,000 words in the English language, and it's growing.
- John F. Kennedy could read four newspapers in twenty minutes.
- Benjamin Franklin was considered to be America's first cartoonist; he was also the first to suggest that clocks may be moved forward or backward to extend the daylight hours.
- South Dakota is the only U.S state which shares no letters with the name of it's capital, Pierre.
- Maine produces more toothpicks than any other U.S state.
- The only city whose name can be spelled completely with vowels is Aiea, Hawaii, located approximately twelve miles west of Honolulu.
- The Florida Citrus Bowl football game was previously named for the tangerine.
- You have to pay a tax in Denmark to use the back seat of your car for passengers.
- Dublin is home to the Fairy Investigation Society.
- There is a law in France against selling dolls without human faces.
- There are 1,792 steps in the Eiffel Tower.
- Mallard ducks have 360-degree vision.
- There are twice as many kangaroos in Australia as there are people.
- The longest earthworm measured is 22 feet.
- Cats have 30 permanent teeth.
- The longest snake is the Reticulated Python, averaging 20 .6".
- A cockroach can live a week without its head; it dies because it cannot drink water.
- An adult male ostrich, the world's largest bird, can weigh up to 345 pounds.
- Lettuce is a member of the sunflower family.
- Penguins can jump almost 6 feet into the air.

These awesome random facts came from [http://www.berro.com/entertainment/general\\_interesting\\_facts.htm](http://www.berro.com/entertainment/general_interesting_facts.htm)

## Ask Nancy

Dear Nancy,

There is a girl who is really mean to me, and I go home and cry everyday. She teases me because of my clothes. Sometimes she even makes comments about what I look like. What can I do to make her stop?

Desperate

Dear Desperate,

Try telling her how she makes you feel. Perhaps she isn't aware of how she is behaving. If she doesn't stop, try talking to your teacher or some other adult. Don't suffer in silence.

Nancy

Dear Nancy,

My friend's father just died, and I always feel really guilty when I mention my dad. Sometimes she starts crying. I hate it when she gets upset because I don't ever know what to say.

MPZ

Dear MPZ,

You need to show sensitivity to your friend at this time. Of course, she is in mourning. Everything reminds her of her loss. Be supportive. She might just need to cry. Let her know that you are there for her even if it is hard for you. You are a good friend.

Nancy