On This Date

1918 – The U.S. Congress formally established time zones and the first Daylight Saving Time throughout the country. The law was designed to save electricity during World War I.

1931 – In an attempt to encourage tourism, the Nevada state legislature voted to legalize casino gambling and “quickie” divorces.

1957 – Elvis Presley bought the Memphis mansion he called Graceland. The estate was opened to the public in 1982 and has become one of the most-visited private homes in America, with more than 600,000 visitors a year.

Did You Know?

There are over 150,000 hotel rooms in Las Vegas. That is not surprising when you consider that 19 of the 25 largest hotels in the world are in Las Vegas. It would take one person 288 years to spend a night in every hotel room in “Sin City.”

Quote of the Day

“Rock and roll music, if you like it, if you feel it, you can’t help but move to it. That’s what happens to me. I can’t help it.”

~ Elvis Presley

Happy Birthday!

Bruce Willis, born in 1955, grew up in a blue-collar neighborhood in New Jersey. He joined his high school drama club and found that acting helped stop his stuttering. After working as a private investigator (a role he would portray on TV), Willis went to college where he pursued acting. He got his big break on the show Moonlighting opposite Cybill Shepherd, but it was his portrayal of a wise-cracking action hero in the movie Die Hard that launched him to superstardom. He has won two Emmys and a Golden Globe Award.
**Today** is the spring equinox, which means “equal night.” But due to the rising angle of the sun and the refraction of light, day and night are not exactly equal. That happens at *equilux* (“equal light”) a few days before.

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**Eye in the Sky**

A meteorite that hit the Uakit region of Siberia sent gold hunters scrambling in the hopes that a giant nugget had fallen from space. But inside the space rock was something much more compelling: a new, alien mineral never before found on Earth. The mineral, called *uakitite*, was present in tiny granules smaller than grains of sand. In fact, the minerals were so small that scientists could not determine all their properties. They did note that uakitite was formed at tremendous heat—1,800 degrees—and was almost as hard as diamonds.

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**Only Human**

Why do smells trigger such strong memories? It all has to do with brain anatomy. Our sense of smell is first processed by the olfactory bulb, which connects to the bottom of the brain at the amygdala and hippocampus, two regions strongly connected to emotions and memory. Touch, sight, and sound are not connected to these brain regions. This is why certain smells conjure such strong memories and emotions, a fact not lost on perfumiers, chefs, and bakers!

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**Word Wise**

Which word is not like the others?

- rooster
- drake
- goose
- tiercel

*ANSWER:* A Goose is a term for a female.

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# A-Z Word Game

**Directions:** Name/write words that begin with each letter of the alphabet based on a specific theme or topic. Play individually or as a team. Creativity is often a must for letters Q, X, Y, Z. *The theme for this worksheet is TREES & FLOWERS.*

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CEDAR   JUNIPER  SPRUCE
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Mixed-Up Springtime

Unscramble the letters to reveal words associated with springtime.

1. MSLOSOBS
2. WOHRTG
3. RAIODNPRS
4. RLEABLUM
5. LOEWRSF
6. ELATRPAICRL
7. ANSLTP
8. ISNEHSUN
9. UTPRSO
10. UERTTBYFL
11. NDARGE
12. AGNICENL
13. PLEDUD
14. SITLPU
15. SBLALBAE
16. ERWHSOS
17. IAFDLDOF
18. IWNYD
Mixed-Up Springtime

(solution)

1. blossoms
2. growth
3. raindrops
4. umbrella
5. flowers
6. caterpillar
7. plants
8. sunshine
9. sprout
10. butterfly
11. garden
12. cleaning
13. puddle
14. tulips
15. baseball
16. showers
17. daffodil
18. windy
A Prayer In Spring
Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfil.
A Light Exists In Spring
Emily Dickinson

A light exists in spring
Not present on the year
At any other period.
When March is scarcely here

A color stands abroad
On solitary hills
That science cannot overtake,
But human nature feels.

It waits upon the lawn;
It shows the furthest tree
Upon the furthest slope we know;
It almost speaks to me.

Then, as horizons step,
Or noons report away,
Without the formula of sound,
It passes, and we stay:

A quality of loss
Affecting our content,
As trade had suddenly encroached
Upon a sacrament.
Short Spring Jokes

When do monkeys fall from the sky?
Answer: During Ape-ril showers!

Can February March?
Answer: No, but April May!

Why is everyone so tired on April 1?
Answer: Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March!

What season is it when you are on a trampoline?
Answer: Spring-time!

What flowers grow on faces?
Answer: Tulips (Two-lips)!

Why are trees very forgiving?
Answer: Because in the Fall they "Let It Go" and in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf".

Why is the letter A like a flower?
Answer: A bee (B) comes after it!

When do people start using their trampoline?
Answer: Spring-Time
What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?
Answer: A hot cross bunny

What did the tree say to spring?
Answer: What a re-leaf.

What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?
Answer: Lily!

What does the Easter Bunny order at a Chinese Restaurant?
Answer: Hop Suey!

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
Answer: Bugs Bunny

What does the Easter Rabbit get for making a basket?
Answer: Two points just like everybody!

source: http://jokes4us.com/miscellaneousjokes/weatherjokes/springjokes.html
Spring is one of the four seasons and the transition from winter into summer. It usually occurs during the months of March, April and May, or from the Vernal Equinox (March 20) to the Summer Solstice (June 21) in the Northern Hemisphere.

Etymology and Ancient Beliefs

★ Before the 14th century, spring was called Lent in Old English. It was the time of the year when plants started springing from the ground. After a century, the season was referred as spring-time and later on shortened to “spring.”
★ In Greek mythology, the return of Persephone, daughter of Zeus and Demeter, and the goddess of fertility, coincides with spring.
★ In Roman mythology, Flora was the goddess of fertility and spring while the ancient Chinese believed in Ba Jia Jiang, one of the Eight Generals and the Great Spring God.