### **Trivia**

#### did you know that ...

September has three birth flowers: the forget-me-not, the morning glory, and the aster.

The birth stone for September is the sapphire which represents clarity of thought, intuition, and peacefulness.

Native American Day is always celebrated on the 4th Friday of September.

Grandparent's Day is observed in the United States on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

September of 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed a hijacking bill, making air piracy a crime punishable by death or imprisonment.

Band-Aids were invented in the month of September.

September in America is Cholesterol Awareness Month

The 4th week of September is National Dog Week.

The very first comic strip was printed in an American newspaper in September.

Around the world, September 19th is "Talk like a Pirate Day."

The month of September marks the publication of the poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

September 12th is National Chocolate Milkshake Day.

The Continental Congress changed the name of the United Colonies to the United States on September 9, 1776.

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# Dates in History

- On September 28th, Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo sailed into present-day San Diego Bay during the course of his explorations of the northwest shores of Mexico on behalf of Spain. It was the first known European encounter with California.
- 1620 The Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, England on September 16th, bound for the New World with 102 passengers. The ship was headed for Virginia, where the colonists-half religious dissenters and half entrepreneurs-had been authorized to settle by the British crown. However, stormy weather and navigational errors forced the Mayflower off course, and on November 21 the "Pilgrims" reached Massachusetts, where they founded the first permanent European settlement in New England in late December.
- 1846 On September 23rd, German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle discovered the planet Neptune at the Berlin Observatory. Neptune, the eighth planet from the sun, was postulated by the French astronomer Urbain-Jean-Joseph Le Verrier, who calculated the approximate location of the planet by studying gravity-induced disturbances in the motions of Uranus. On September 23, 1846, Le Verrier informed Galle of his findings, and the same night Galle and his assistant Heinrich Louis d'Arrest identified Neptune at their observatory in Berlin. Noting its movement relative to background stars over 24 hours confirmed that it was a planet.
- 1977 In Washington on September 7th, President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian dictator Omar Torrijos signed a treaty agreeing to transfer control of the Panama Canal from the United States to Panama at the end of the 20th century. The Panama Canal Treaty also authorized the immediate abolishment of the Canal Zone, a 10-mile-wide, 40-milelong U.S.-controlled area that bisected the Republic of Panama.

# On the Lighter Side

- 20 Politically Correct Ways to Say Someone's Stupid
- 1. A few clowns short of a circus.
- 2. Doesn't have all his corn flakes in one box.
- 3. The wheel's spinning, but the hamster is dead.
- 4. One Fruit Loop shy of a full bowl.
- 5. All foam, no beer.
- 6. Missing a few buttons on her remote control.
- 7. Too much yardage between the goal posts.
- 8. As smart as bait.
- 9. Doesn't have all his dogs on one leash.
- 10. Chimney's clogged.
- 11. No grain in the silo.
- 12. A few fries short of a Happy Meal.
- 13. Dumber than a box of hair.
- 14. A few feathers short of a whole duck.
- 15. An intellect rivaled only by garden tools.
- 16. Elevator doesn't go all the way to the top floor.
- 17. Her sewing machine's out of thread.
- 18. If he had another brain, it would be lonely.
- 19. Receiver is off the hook.
- 20. Several nuts short of a full pouch.