

# Bathroom Reader

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## Presidential Libraries

The Presidential Library system is composed of eleven libraries and the Nixon Presidential Materials. The facilities are administered by the National Archives and Records Administration.

They are not libraries in the usual sense but are archives and museums bringing together in one place the documents and artifacts of a President and his administration. Presidential Libraries and Museums, like their holdings belong to the American people.

Franklin D. Roosevelt surveyed the vast quantities of papers and other materials he and his staff had accumulated. In the past, many Presidential papers and records had been lost, sold for profit, or ruined by poor storage conditions. On the advice of scholars and historians, he established a public repository to preserve the materials for future generations. Beginning a tradition that continues to this day, he raised private funds for the new facility and then turned it over to the US government for operation through the National Archives.

For more information and the location of the Presidential Libraries and Museums, go to

<http://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries/about/>

## Days of March

- 16 Hiccup Day
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Barbie Doll Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 21 Weed Appreciation Day

## National Nutrition Month

American eating habits:

The \$16B US bread market has grown 18% from 1998-2003

Of the 60 choices of fruits listed by the FDA over 50% of our daily requirement comes from just 5 items: orange juice 20%, bananas 10%, apples 8%, watermelon 6.5%, and apple juice 6%.

Vegetable consumption is mainly green salad, carrots, and potatoes.



## Anniversaries of "Firsts" in March

- 1802 Smallpox clinic
- 1848 1st Child Labor Law
- 1923 Dance marathon
- 1931 Electric shaver
- 1952 Surgical operation shown on television



The "O" when used as a prefix in Irish surnames means "descendant of."

Van Camp's advertisement has a coupon for a can of Pork & Beans for .06 in 1894.

## *Words no longer in use, but...*

sleighrider —cocaine addict, circa 1900

oater— cowboy movie

gladhander—shows warmth and heartiness that is probably insincere

piffle— nonsense, baloney, 1800's British