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*I didn't know it was impossible when I did it..*  
~Anonymous

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## Web Sites

### February 6 Lame Duck Day

*Even a lame-duck president can be affected by a clear midterm message if he wants to see his vice president elected and preserve his historical legacy.*  
– Noah Feldman

*We've all heard someone referred to as a Lame Duck, but the original meaning of this phrase is often lost. Lame Duck is a term used to describe an elected official who is no longer responsible to his constituency, usually due to the fact that he's on his way out of office and reelection is no longer a possibility.*

### **History of Lame Duck Day**

*Lame Duck Day celebrates the ratification of the 20th amendment of the United States, an amendment added to shorten the time that the President, Senators, and Representatives spent in office after an election. During this time, especially if the representative was not reelected or is no longer eligible for reelection, they no longer have to concern themselves with the desires of their constituency. While this only happens during certain small sections of time, significant decisions have been made during this period. What kinds of things? Homeland Security is one of the biggest results of a lame duck congress meeting, but there have also been wars started and a president impeached, all under the auspices of a lame-duck session. Where did the term come from? In the 1700's a Lame-Duck was used to describe those stock brokers who had gauged their investments badly and could no longer pay off their debts. Later, it was extended to include unethical business-men who would find themselves bankrupted, and continue to do business anyway, even though they had no money to pay employees or suppliers. The term has now been extended to include the representatives listed above, and to describe those sessions where the people in session are no longer beholden to those people who elected them.*

### **[PBS LearningMedia: Embryo to Duckling](#)**

This video segment from NOVA: "The Shape of Things" follows the growth of a duck embryo, from a single fertilized egg cell to a complex, hatching duckling.

[1 min, 19 sec] [This resource is available on PBS Learning Media. Free registration is required.]

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/tdc02.sci.life.stru.duckdev/duck-development/>

### **Bird Species: Ducks**

See pictures of common and exotic looking ducks, read about their characteristics and economic uses.

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/content/animals/animals/birds/duck.htm>

### **BBC Nature: Wildlife: Mandarin Duck**

Investigate the exciting world of the Mandarin duck by uncovering details about its behaviours, habitats, distribution, and classification through photos, news, videos, descriptions, and external links. Listen to the sound of the Mandarin as it calls.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/life/Mandarin\\_Duck](http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/life/Mandarin_Duck)

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## **Hardware/Software**

### **WHICH APPS COME PREINSTALLED ON THE IPHONE WITH IOS 10?**

*The iPhone comes with certain functionality and applications — or apps, for short — built in. When you look at the Home screen, you see icons for each app. This task gives you an overview of what each app does.*

The following icons appear in the Dock at the bottom of every Home screen, from left to right:

- **Mail:** You use this application to access email accounts that you have set up in iPhone. Your email is then displayed without you having to browse to the site or sign in. You can use tools to move among a few preset mail folders, read and reply to email, and download attached photos to your iPhone.
- **Phone:** Use this app to make and receive phone calls, view a log of recent calls, create a list of favorite contacts, access your voice mail, and view contacts.
- **Music:** Music is the name of your media player. Though its main function is to play music, you can use it to play audio podcasts and audiobooks as well.
- **Safari:** You use the Safari web browser to navigate on the Internet, create and save bookmarks of favorite sites, and add web clips to your Home screen so that you can quickly visit favorite sites from there. You may have used this web browser (or another, such as Google Chrome) on your

desktop computer.

Apps with icons above the Dock on the Home screen include

- **Messages:** For those who love to instant message, the Messages app comes to the rescue. The Messages app has been in iPhone for quite some time. Now you can engage in live text- and image-based conversations with others on their phones or other devices that use email. You can also send video or audio messages.
- **Calendar:** Use this handy onscreen daybook to set up appointments and send alerts to remind you about them.
- **Photos:** The Photos app in iPhone helps you organize pictures in folders, send photos in email, use a photo as your iPhone wallpaper, and assign pictures to contact records. You can also run slideshows of your photos, open albums, pinch or unpinch to shrink or expand photos, and scroll photos with a simple swipe.
- **Camera:** The Camera app is Control Center for the still and video cameras built into the iPhone.
- **Weather:** Get the latest weather for your location and others instantly with this handy app. You can easily add other locations to check for weather where you're going or where you've been.
- **Clock:** This app allows you to display clocks from around the world, set alarms, and use timer and stopwatch features.
- **Maps:** With this iPhone mapping app, you can view classic maps or aerial views of addresses and find directions from one place to another whether traveling by car, foot, or public transportation (which requires installing a third-party app). You can even get your directions read aloud by a spoken narration feature.
- **Videos:** This media player is similar to Music but specializes in playing videos and offers a few features specific to this type of media, such as chapter breakdowns and information about a movie's plot and cast.
- **Notes:** Enter text, format text, or cut and paste text and objects (such as images) from a website into this simple notepad app.
- **Reminders:** This useful app centralizes all your calendar entries and alerts to keep you on schedule and allows you to create to-do lists.
- **Stocks:** See in one place, anytime you like, the latest information about stock exchanges and individual stocks as well as trending information.
- **News:** News is a customizable aggregator for stories from your favorite news sources.
- **iTunes Store:** Tapping this icon takes you to the iTunes store, where you can shop 'til you drop (or until your iPhone battery runs out of juice) for music, movies, TV shows, and audiobooks and then download them directly to your iPhone.
- **App Store:** Here you can buy and download applications that do everything

from enabling you to play games to building business presentations. You can also subscribe to periodicals for use with the News app. Some of these are even free!

- iBooks: The iBooks app is now bundled with the iPhone out of the box. Because the iPhone has been touted as being a good small screen e-reader — a device that enables you to read books on an electronic device, similar to the Amazon Kindle Fire HD — you should definitely check this one out.
- Health: This is exciting very useful app that you can use to record various health and exercise statistics and even send them to your doctor.
- Home: New to iOS 10, Home helps you control most (if not all) of your home automation devices in one convenient app.
- Wallet: This Apple Pay feature lets you store a virtual wallet of plane or concert tickets, coupons, and more and use them with a swipe of your iPhone across a point of purchase device.
- Settings: Settings is the central location on the iPhone where you can specify settings for various functions and do administrative tasks, such as set up email accounts or create a password.

There are also some preinstalled apps located on the second Home screen by default, including some in an Extras folder. Wrapped up in the Extras folder are some other handy tools: Compass, Contacts, Voice Memos, and others.

Additionally, on the second Home screen, you'll find:

- FaceTime: Use FaceTime to place phone calls using video of the sender and receiver to have a more personal conversation.
- Calculator: Use this simple app to add, subtract, and so on.
- Podcasts: Before iOS 8, you had to download the free Podcast app, but now it's built into your iOS iPhone. Use this app to listen to recorded informational programs.

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## Hints/Tips

### STARTUP KEYS: MORE POWER TO YOUR MACBOOK KEYBOARD

*Some keys and keyboard combinations on your MacBook were born for Startup magic — either to get your Apple laptop booted up, help troubleshoot computer problems, or perform other technical tricks within El Capitan.*

<u>Key</u>	<u>Effect on Your Mac</u>
C	Boots from the CD or DVD that's loaded in your optical drive (if you have one) or a bootable USB flash drive

Media Eject Option	Ejects the CD or DVD in your optical drive (if you have one) Displays a system boot menu allowing you to choose the operating system and/or volume
Shift	Runs your MacBook in Safe Mode, preventing your Login Items from running; runs a directory check
T	Starts your laptop in FireWire or Thunderbolt Target Disk mode
Command+R	Boots from the Recovery HD
Comm+Opt+R	Boots Recovery using your Internet connection
Command+V	Show OS X Console messages
Command+S	Starts your MacBook in Single User Mode
Comm+Opti+P+R	Resets Parameter RAM (PRAM)

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

***What word of 8 letters can you subtract 5 and leave 10?***

Answer: Tendency.

***Why is the letter G like the sun?***

Answer: It is in the middle of liGht.

***What letter is never found in the alphabet?***

Answer: The one you mail.

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## This Day in History

***Birthdates which occurred on February 7:***

1478 Sir Thomas More lawyer/lord chancellor of England/saint (Utopia)

1693 Anna Ivanova Romanova empress of Russia (1730–40)

1804 John Deere pioneer manufacturer of agricultural implements

1812 Charles Dickens England, novelist (Oliver Twist, Tale of 2 Cities)

1817 Frederick Douglass Maryland, 1st high ranking black in US government

1867 Laura Ingalls Wilder Wisconsin, children's book author (Little House on Prairie)

1885 Sinclair Lewis novelist/social critic (Main Street, Nobel 1930)

1908 Clarence Clarence Linden "Buster" Crabbe Oakland CA, swimmer (Olympics–gold–1932)/actor (Tarzan the Fearless, Flash Gordon)

1945 Pete Postlethwaite actor (The Boxer)

1950 Burt Hooton baseball player

1950 Dan Quisenberry baseball pitcher (Kansas City Royals)

1960 James Spader New York NY, actor (Endless Love, Wall St, Mannequin)

1962 Garth Brooks Tulsa OK, country singer (No Fences, Ropin' the Wind)

1966 Chris Rock comedian (Saturday Night Live, CB4, Boomerang)

1974 Steve Nash NBA guard (Phoenix Suns)

### ***On This Day:***

1795 11th Amendment to US Constitution ratified, affirms power of states

1905 Oklahoma admitted to statehood

1914 Charlie Chaplin debuts "The Tramp" in "Kid Auto Races at Venice"

1935 Monopoly invented by Charles Darrow symbol Rich Uncle Pennybags

1936 A flag is authorized for the Vice President

1936 Felix the Cat, Cartoon Character, by Van Beuren from Otto Messmer

1940 Walt Disney's 2nd feature-length movie, "Pinocchio", premieres (New York NY)

1943 Shoe rationing begins in US (may purchase up to 3 more pairs in 1942)

1944 Bing Crosby records "Swinging on a Star" for Decca Records

1945 General Douglas MacArthur returns to Manila

1945 President Truman appoints Irwin C Mollison judge of US Customs Court

1948 Omar Bradley succeeds Dwight Eisenhower as Army Chief of Staff

1949 Joe DiMaggio becomes 1st \$100,000/year baseball player (New York Yankees)

1958 Dodgers officially become the Los Angeles Dodgers, Inc

1960 Old handwriting found in at Qumran, near the Dead Sea

1962 President Kennedy begins blockade of Cuba

1964 Baskin-Robbins introduces Beatle Nut ice cream

1964 Beatles land at New York's JFK airport, for 1st US tour

1964 Cassius Clay becomes a Muslim & adopts the name Muhammad Ali

1965 US begins regular bombing & strafing of North Vietnam

1969 "This Is Tom Jones" debuts on ABC TV

1970 LSU's "Pistol" Pete Marovich scores 69 points in losing cause

1974 Mel Brooks' "Blazing Saddles" opens in movie theaters

1985 "New York, New York" became the official anthem of New York NY

1987 Dennis Conner & Stars & Stripes bring America's Cup back to US

1993 Pebbles Flintstone & Bamm Bamm Rubble wed

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