

Welcome to *TEKTOK*
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Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.
~Anonymous

Web Sites

Almond Day – 16th Feb each year

It's generally believed and agreed by historians (and food historians in particular) that almonds were one of the earliest cultivated foods by mankind. Almond Day celebrates this and all things almond, and rightly so, given their high vitamin E content, their effectiveness at reducing cholesterol levels and helping with weight loss!

[Almond Board of California](http://www.almonds.com/)

A collection of resources about almonds, with many educational pages and fact sheets available in languages other than English. Learn about the nutritional and health value of almonds, how they are grown, and their importance to California trade and agriculture. An excellent site for learning to identify and explain the main ideas and critical details of informational texts.

<http://www.almonds.com/>

[ReadWorks: Valley Nuts](http://www.readworks.org/passages/valley-nuts)

An informational text about almonds and where they come from. A question sheet is available to help students build skills in reading comprehension. [Site usage requires free registration.]

<http://www.readworks.org/passages/valley-nuts>

[Science Friday: A Handful of Nuts, a Lifetime of Benefits?](http://www.sciencefriday.com/segments/a-handful-of-nuts-a-lifetime-of-benefits/)

Researchers linked daily nut consumption to a lower risk of dying from major chronic diseases. Find out some of the major findings.

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Hardware/Software

Charge Fast

Want to charge your iPhone in a hurry? Switch it to AirPlane mode. (For even faster results why not charge it with an iPad charger?)

Hints/Tips

Control Keyboard

Writing an email or any other text on your iPhone and need to edit a specific piece of text? You can spend time trying to tap the screen in just the right place within the copy you want to select, or you can simply hard press the virtual keyboard and it will become a touch sensitive mouse that lets you quickly find what you need.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

Why are 2 T's like hops?

Answer: Because they make beer better.

Why should a boy avoid the letter Y?

Answer: Because it can turn a lad into lady.

How much is 5Q and 5Q?

Answer: 10Q – you're welcome.

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on February 17:

1844 A Montgomery Ward founded mail-order business (Montgomery Ward)

1867 William Cadbury England, chocolate manufacturer (Cadbury)

1874 Thomas J Watson Sr US, representative/founder (IBM)

1882 Noah Beery Smithville AR, actor (Story of Esther, Mark of Zorro)

1889 H[aroldson] L Hunt Texas oil multi-millionaire

1908 Walter L "Red" Barber Mississippi, sports announcer (Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Yankees)

1919 Jock Mahoney Chicago IL, actor (Dallas, Yancy Derringer, Day of Fury)

1924 Margaret Truman Missouri, president's daughter/writer (Murder at FBI)

1925 Hal Holbrook Cleveland OH, actor (All the President's Men, Mark Twain)

1929 Yasser Arafat PLO-leader (Achille Lauro, Nobel 1994)

1932 Buck Trent Spartanburg SC, banjoist/singer (Hee Haw)

1933 Bobby Lewis rocker (Tossin' & Turnin')

1934 Alan Bates Allestree England, actor (Zorba the Greek, Unmarried Woman)

1936 Jim Brown Georgia, NFL full back (Cleveland Browns)/actor (Dirty Dozen)

1941 Gene Pitney Hartford CT, singer/songwriter (Town Without Pity)

1942 Huey Newton Black Panther leader

1962 Lou Diamond Phillips Philippines, actor (La Bamba, Stand & Deliver)

1962 Tony Blain cricketer (New Zealand Test wicket-keeper)

1963 Michael "Air" Jordan Brooklyn NY, NBA guard/forward (Chicago Bulls)

On this day:

1621 Miles Standish appointed 1st commander of Plymouth colony

1801 House breaks electoral college tie, chooses Jefferson President over Burr

1865 Columbia SC burns down during the Civil War

1865 Battle of Charleston SC

1867 1st ship passes through Suez Canal

1870 Mississippi becomes 9th state re-admitted to US after Civil War

1906 Theodore Roosevelt's daughter Alice marries in the White House

1933 Blondie Boopadoop marries Dagwood Bumstead; Dagwood's father promptly disinherits him

1933 1st issue of "Newsweek" magazine published

1933 US Senate accept Blaine Act ending prohibition

1943 New York Yankee Joe DiMaggio, enlists into the US army

1944 US begins night bombing of Truk

1947 Voice of America begins broadcasting to USSR

1953 Baseball star/pilot Ted Williams uninjured as plane shot down in Korea

1958 Comic strip "BC" 1st appears

1967 Beatles release "Penny Lane" & "Strawberry Fields"

1969 Bob Dylan & Johnny Cash record an album (never released)

1972 President Nixon leaves Washington DC for China

1985 1st class postage rises from 20¢ to 22¢

1985 Laffit Pincay Jr is third to ride 6,000th winners at Santa Anita

1986 Johnson & Johnson announces it no longer sells capsule drugs

1995 Federal judge allows lawsuit claiming US tobacco makers knew nicotine was addictive & manipulated its levels to keep customers hooked

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