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- Relics from the Stone Age lead to the conclusion that Ireland is 8,000 years old
- About 94% of the people of Ireland are Roman Catholics, and less than 4% are Protestants
- The national sports of Ireland are hurling, a strenuous game similar to field hockey, and Gaelic football, which resembles soccer
- Potato Famine of 1847 was caused by a lack of foresight of a world revolving into an industrial society where agriculture remained the main source of the Irish economy.
- The word "galore" comes from the Irish go leor, which means "enough" or "plenty."
- Ireland was once densely forested, but was practically denuded of tree cover in the 17th century.

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## Trivia

1. Some areas in Ireland are known to receive this many inches of rain each year, which accounts for the brilliantly green grass that has earned Ireland the nickname the "emerald isle."
2. What does "Erin Go Bragh," a phrase heard often on St. Patrick's Day, mean?
3. Irish tradition says that anyone who kisses the blarney stone, which is located near this town, will be blessed with the Irish "gift of gab".
4. This Nobel Prize-winning Irish poet and playwright was also a senator of the Irish Free State from 1922 to 1928.
5. Traditional Irish music has found an international audience with the popularity of which Celtic band?
6. Who is, the prime minister of the Republic of Ireland?
7. In November 1995, the people of Ireland narrowly passed a referendum legalizing what?
8. With 27,136 square miles of land, the Republic of Ireland is approximately half the size of which U.S. State?
9. Today, how many Americans trace their ancestry back to Ireland?

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## This Week In History

- 432 St Patrick, a bishop, is carried off to Ireland as a slave
- 1621 Native American chief visits colony of Plymouth MA
- 1753 1st official St Patrick's Day
- 1850 Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter" published
- 1850 Henry Wells & William Fargo forms American Express in Buffalo
- 1881 [PT] Barnum & [James A] Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth opens (Madison Square Garden)
- 1891 A Hatfield marries a McCoy, ends long feud in West Virginia; it started with an accusation of pig-stealing & lasted 20 years
- 1915 Pluto photographed for 1st time (although unknown at the time)
- 1930 Pluto discovered by Clyde Tombaugh
- 1959 Dalai Lama flees Tibet for India
- 1969 Beatle John Lennon marries Yoko Ono in Gibraltar
- 1961 Poppin' Fresh Pillsbury Dough Boy introduced
- 1987 IBM releases PC-DOS version 3.3
- 1992 Noriega's wife Felicidad arrested for stealing buttons from dresses

## On the Lighter Side

An Irishman and an American were sitting at Shannon Airport. "I've come to meet my brother," said the Irishman. "He's due to fly in from America in an hour's time. It's his first trip home in forty years". "Will you be able to recognize him?" asked the American. "I'm sure I won't," said the Irishman, "after all, he's been away for a long time". "I wonder if he'll recognize you?" said the American. "Of course he will," said the Irishman. "Sure, an' I haven't been away at all".

An Englishman, an Irishman, and a Scotsman, are talking about where they got their names. "My name is George, because I was born on St. George's Day" says the Englishman. "My name is Andrew, because I was born on St. Andrew's day, says the Scotsman. They both turn to the Irishman, and say, "What day were you born on, Pancake?"

## Birthdays this Week

### March 16

- 1926 Jerry Lewis, [Joseph Levitch] entertainer/fund raiser
- 1946 Erik Estrada, actor (CHiPs, Cross & Switchblade)

### March 17

- 1834 Gottlieb Daimler, engineer/inventor/auto pioneer-designed 1st motorcycle
- 1938 Rudolf Nureyev, ballet dancer/choreographer
- 1944 Danny DeVito, actor (Louie-Taxi, Twins)
- 1948 William [Ford] Gibson, sci-fi author (Neuromancer)

### March 18

- 1483 Raphael, painter (Sistine Chapel, Madonna)
- 1970 Queen Latifah, [Dana Owens] rap singer/actress

### March 19

- 1848 Wyatt Earp, Marshal-fought in Gunfight at the OK Corral
- 1955 [Walter] Bruce Willis, PennsGrove NJ, actor

### March 20

- 1928 Mr [Fred McFeely] Rogers, children's television host

### March 21

- 1839 Modest Mussorgsky, composer
- 1962 Rosie O'Donnell, comedienne

### March 22

- 1908 Louis D L'Amour, author (High Lonesome, How the West was Won)
- 1948 Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer (Phantom of the Opera)

## St Patrick's Day

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- Ninety inches
- Ireland Forever
- Cork
- William Butler Yeats
- The Chieftains
- Bertie Ahern
- Divorce
- Arkansas
- Forty million

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