

PICTURE OF THE WEEK: Sun Protection

As the summer days grow hotter, you're probably spending more time outside--and that means more time in the sun. The sun emits invisible rays--ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB). Too much exposure to these rays can be harmful.

It's important to protect yourself whenever you plan to go outside. Wear water-resistant sunscreen with Sun Protection Factors (SPF) of at least 15. Apply it about 30 minutes before you go outside, and reapply it every few hours. Remember that swimming, toweling off your body and sweating can remove sunscreen from your skin. Reapply sunscreen after engaging in any of these activities, even if the sunscreen is waterproof.

If possible, try to avoid the sun between the hours of 10AM and 3PM, since that's when the sun's rays shine the strongest. Wear a hat to help shield your face from the sun, and choose sunglasses that will protect your eyes from both UVA and UVB rays.

The sun's rays can be harmful even during cloudy days, so try to follow these guidelines every time you go outside. If you protect yourself with sunscreen and the appropriate clothing, you'll be able to enjoy yourself outside no matter how hot it gets!

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WEEKLY NEWS 1: Dallas Zoo Raises Walls

A gorilla escaped an enclosure in March, so Dallas Zoo is raising its walls from 14-feet to 15-feet. In March, Jabari, a 340-pound western lowland gorilla, was shot to death by police after he leapt over a wall and a 12-foot-wide trench that separates the animals from visitors. Jabari injured three people and grabbed a toddler with his teeth after escaping.

The gorilla enclosure at Dallas Zoo is designed so that the animals are approximately at the eye level of visitors. There is also a 14-foot wall and trench that separates the animals from the public. Investigators believe Jabari probably got a running start and leapt right over the trench and wall, which is equipped with an electrical wire on top. The wire at the top was not broken and there was no hair caught in the wires, so the gorilla sailed right over the wall. "This is strictly a gorilla doing something that no one ever anticipated that a gorilla could do," said zoo Director Rich Buickerood.

Jabari, a young 13-year-old gorilla, was probably engaging in athletic displays for other animals, which is common for animals his age. Gorillas are not known to leap, but younger members tend to show off and run.

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WEEKLY NEWS 2: Quiet in New York

New York has been called the "City that Never Sleeps." Mayor Bloomberg of New York City is hoping to change the city's reputation. He is trying to bring the noise level down with a plan called Operation Silent Night. His plan involves a new Noise Code for New York to help with the thousands of daily complaints about noise.

Construction sites and air conditioners are on the list for silencing, but so are dogs. A new ban on dog yapping allows for dogs to bark a total of 15 minutes a day! If your New York dog barks for longer than 15 minutes a day, you could be faced with a \$50 fine. Lawn mowers and car alarms also need to be muzzled, according to Mayor Bloomberg.

Summertime will also quiet down when the ice cream van chimes are banned. The ice cream trucks in New York will have to find a quieter way of announcing their presence. Healthier hearing is on the way to the Big Apple.

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More than the hum of motors was heard on a highway west of Bozeman, Mont. on Monday, June 15, after a tractor-trailer carrying a load of bees overturned and let loose about nine million angry honey bees and hundreds of bee hives.

The driver of the overturned tractor-trailer, Lane Miller, 41, struggled to escape from his vehicle as the mob of bees swarmed frantically around him in Bear Trap Canyon, west of Bozeman. The truck skidded across the highway until it came to a halt between guardrails.

Miller, who walked away from the crash suffering from a bone-deep scratch on his arm, bruises and about 20 bee stings, was picked up by two people who then drove him to a hospital.

"I had to kick the windshield out of the front of the cab and the bees were on me from that moment," Miller said. "I've never felt so much fear in my life."

Crews and beekeepers worked to clean up the 512 bee hives Miller was hauling from Idaho to North Dakota. The clean up closed the state road for 14 hours.

Although the crews wore bee suits and extra clothing, beekeeper Gary Clark said he counted about 60 stings on him.

"Everybody had literally thousands of bees on them, in their hats and on their suits," said Clark. "When we pulled the boxes out, big globs of them would fall on us."

Not only did the clean up crews get stung, but so did the firefighters working to redirect traffic on the road.

"The bees were so agitated you could barely see the beekeepers or the wreckage itself, just because of the cloud of bees that were swarming," said fire Chief Shawn Christiansen.

When a tow truck finally got in to take away the overturned tractor-trailer at 3AM Tuesday, pools of sticky honey were left behind on the road from the hives. To help solve the sticky situation, State Transportation Department employees scattered sand on the road to soak up the mess. (contributing: www.newsday.com)

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AROUND THE WORLD 1: The World Wide Web

In some countries, the Internet is everywhere. There are lots of good results from the Internet, like people in different countries easily learning more about different cultures and new concepts. However, officials in some developed countries are worried about hate crimes that result from using the Internet as a base for communication.

Because of this, Paris recently played host to the Organization for Security and Cooperation (OSAC). More than 60 representatives showed up from tens of nations to discuss hate propaganda on the Internet, and whether it can be curbed or stopped. Those who met at the conference were not just members of government; human rights groups and Internet service providers also cooperated to make their individual points heard in the debate. France was particularly interested because there have been many attacks on Jewish synagogues, cemeteries, and schools in that country over the past couple of years.

The outcome of the conference was split. Some called for studies on the difference between online hate and actual hate crimes--does one fuel the other, and will lessening online hate help lessen hate crimes? European delegates called for laws governing the Internet, a proposal the U.S. rejected. For one, the Internet is so vast and virtual that it becomes nearly impossible to control. Also, one of the foundations in the U.S. is the principle of free speech.

Rather than laws, the U.S. would probably prefer more education about online hate and better access to filters for parents to regulate what their kids view. This may not be an issue receiving a lot of action, but talking about something is often a positive step towards better understanding.

--Written by [Kari Elassal](#)

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Read **AROUND THE WORLD 2: Refugees Around The World** 

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A refugee is a person who leaves his or her country to find a safer place to live. Refugees are usually people who are escaping from violence or oppression, such as people who live in countries that are torn by war or countries that do not tolerate certain religions or races. There are millions of refugees from countries around the world who are living in foreign lands. This week, the United Nations refugee agency announced that the number of refugees around the world has been decreasing. Currently, there are fewer refugees than there have been in the past ten years.

There are several explanations for this. In general, the United Nations claims that the decrease in the number of refugees was caused by increased efforts to help refugees go back home, and efforts to improve dangerous situations in countries that might cause people to flee. However, another possible explanation is that it has become more difficult for people to seek refuge in foreign countries. For example, the United States and some countries in Europe have changed the rules for foreigners who want to cross their borders and stay there.

According to the United Nations report, huge numbers of refugees have been able to return to Afghanistan in the past couple of years. More than half a million people returned last year. This is because the oppressive Taliban government is no longer in power, and there are international efforts to rebuild the country after years of war. Other countries that refugees are returning to are Burundi, Angola, and even Iraq. Still, the United Nations reports that more than 17 million people around the world are refugees who do not feel safe living in their native land.

In spite of the good news about declining refugee numbers, a new conflict is threatening to cause a new increase. In the large African country of Sudan, huge numbers of people are being driven across the borders of their country to seek refuge in neighboring countries. These refugees are fleeing devastating attacks by government fighters on local farming and herding communities in the western part of the country.

Hopefully, the international community will make immediate efforts to keep refugee numbers down and make it safe for the people of western Sudan and other conflict-torn nations.

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Read **AROUND THE WORLD 3: Worldwide Celebration of Rock** 

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On Wednesday, June 16, 2004, the city of Memphis made an announcement. Justin Timberlake will participate in the 50th Anniversary of Rock 'n' Roll celebration on July 5, 2004. The daylong event will take place at Sun Studio in Memphis, Tennessee.

So why is July 5th the anniversary of rock 'n' roll? Because that's the day Elvis Presley recorded the song "That's All Right." That song is known as the big bang of rock 'n' roll, and Elvis is the king of this music genre.

Timberlake is serving as one of the Memphis Musical Ambassadors. He will be joining Scotty Moore, Isaac Hayes and Sam the Sham on July 5th for the Global Moment in Time. Radio stations around the world will simultaneously play "That's All Right" at noon on that day. So if you want to be part of the celebration, remember to turn on your radio at noon on Monday, July 5th.

The Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau hopes that the Global Moment in Time will be the largest playing of a single song at the same moment ever to happen in history. Other events for the day include an outdoor festival and concert.

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SPORTS ZONE 1: Olympic Torch Lights Up America

On Wednesday, June 16, 2004, the Olympic Torch was welcomed to America in Los Angeles. It arrived in America after an overnight flight from Mexico in a plane called "Zeus." Sylvester Stallone was ready and waiting to begin the Torch relay on Venice Beach. One hundred fifty torch bearers completed the route to Dodger Stadium. Among them was Pete Clentzos, now 95, who competed in the 1932 Olympics and was cheered on by his former students; Father Gregory Boyle who felt the unifying spirit of the torch; cancer survivor Christopher Howard who ran on an artificial limb to inspire hope; and Ellen DeGeneres. Tom Cruise finished the relay before the torch traveled to St. Louis.

Greek dancers greeted the torch in St. Louis on Thursday. St. Louis, proud of its heritage as the first U.S. city to host the modern Olympics, carried the torch through Washington University's Francis Field where the 1904 track and field events were held. Hope was also inspired in St. Louis by blind torchbearer Rebecca Hodson. Unlike the bearers in Los Angeles, many of the torchbearers, like Bonnie Blair and Jackie Joyner-Kersey, were medalists in past Olympic games. This was only the second stop. The flame continued to Atlanta on Friday.

The symbolic flame of peace and unity arrived in Atlanta at Coca-Cola headquarters. One hundred thirty-five inspirational Georgians were chosen as torchbearers. Georgia honored their service and commitment to the community whether the bearers walked, ran, or rolled in a wheelchair. The first proud Georgian to step onto Martin Luther King Drive was Rafael San Miguel, who lost his hearing as an infant but grew into a softhearted scientist. The end of the relay saw the flame home to Centennial Park.

Saturday found the Olympic Torch in New York City, contender for the 2012 Olympic Games. The relay began in Athens Square Park. Torchbearers from all walks of life--paramedics, fire fighters, police officers, former football players, former Olympic Medalists, artists, school principals, TV news anchors, rappers, retired teachers and others--brought the torch to Times Square. Like all torchbearers, those carrying the flame in New York wore issued white socks, shorts, singlet, shoes, and gloves to symbolize the unity of the global village. When it has lit all six continents, the torch will return to Athens and the Olympic Games will begin.

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Read **SPORTS ZONE 2: Army Announces Baseball Team** 

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June 14, 2004, is the day we celebrated both Flag Day and the U.S. Army's birthday. As part of the celebration, the Army revealed its All-Army Baseball Team. A panel of 37 baseball experts helped select the members of the team. The experts were from all fields of baseball, including sports publications and baseball broadcast teams. The All-Army Baseball Team consists of 14 players, and 12 of them are Hall of Famers!

The All-Army Baseball Team can't actually go out onto the field and play the game. The team is made up of famous baseball players from the past. These men played baseball professionally and served their country in the U. S. Army.

So who are the players on this famous team? The 14 players chosen for the All-Army Baseball Team include: Grover Cleveland "Pete" Alexander, Ernie Banks, Ty Cobb, Joe DiMaggio, Whitey Ford, Hank Greenberg, Buddy Lewis, Christy Mathewson, Willie Mays, Robin Roberts, Jackie Robinson, Warren Spahn, Birdie Tebbetts and Hoyt Wilhelm. You probably recognize at least a few of those names.

Many of the players on the All-Army Baseball Team saw action during their time in the military. For example, Ernie Banks is a Korean War veteran. Jackie Robinson, Joe DiMaggio, Hank Greenberg, Warren Spahn, Robin Roberts and Hoyt Wilhelm served during World War II. Willie Mays was in the Army during the Korean War and Ty Cobb was a Captain during World War I.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY 1: Potato Chip Fun

Think there's nothing new in the snack world? Think again! Pringles potato chips announced the development of a new chip--created with first-of-its-kind technology. What's so special about these potato chips? They'll have a unique, fun design printed on every chip!

The new technology allows the company to print words and pictures on each potato chip. The printing can be done in either blue or red, and can be right side up or upside down! The "ink" is food coloring and it doesn't change the taste of the chips. This technology is the first of its kind in the U.S. to be used on a food product. The new chip is known as Pringles Prints, and different versions of it will be available.

The famous chip company is teaming up with Hasbro, a leader in family entertainment products. One version of the new chip will feature questions and answers from Trivial Pursuit Junior. Trivia questions in categories like Music, Movies and Nature will be randomly printed on the crunchy snack. You'll be able to learn new facts while you eat!

The Trivial Pursuit Junior chips will be available in August 2004. But if you want to try the chips sooner, you'll be able to buy Pringles Prints Fun Facts, Animal Facts and Jokes at select locations in June and July.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY 2: Save the Whales 

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) has recently proposed a strategy that would help reduce collisions between boats and North Atlantic right whales.

Right whales are highly endangered--there are only a few hundred left in the oceans. The NOAA Fisheries wants to try and make the oceans safer for these rare whales since they are almost extinct. One way to make the water safer is to reduce the number of collisions these whales have with ocean vessels. Collisions with boats are the biggest human threat to these creatures.

The strategy includes the measurement of boat traffic patterns, ocean conditions and right whale behavior, especially during times when most collisions occur. The strategy will tailor recommendations for three different parts of the East Coast: mid Atlantic ports, southeast ports and northeast.

Each area will have its own measurements of the whale's seasonal occurrence and the patterns of the boats in that part of the ocean.

Recommendations for areas might include things like slower speeds for the boats or routing changes to avoid areas heavily populated with right whales during certain times. The measures would apply to both domestic and international boats in U.S. waters. For the strategy to work, it would need to have federal rules and regulations negotiated through the International Maritime Organization.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Klaus Fuchs was a German scientist and spy. The secret information that he gave to the USSR helped the Russians build their first atomic and hydrogen bombs. Fuchs was sent to prison for espionage. On June 23, 1959, after only nine years in prison, he was released. He immediately left Britain for communist East Germany, where he went back to being a scientist.



Pablo Picasso is one of the world's most famous artists. On June 24, 1901, when Picasso was 19 years old, his paintings were exhibited outside of his home country of Spain for the first time. The exhibition of Picasso's artwork opened at a prestigious gallery in Paris. Up until that time, Picasso was a relative unknown outside Barcelona, Spain, but he had already produced hundreds of paintings. The 75 works displayed at Picasso's first Paris exhibition offered moody, representational paintings by a young artist with obvious talent.

Following his arrival in London, Major General Dwight D. Eisenhower took command of U.S. forces in Europe on June 25, 1942. Although Eisenhower had never seen combat during his 27 years as an army officer, his knowledge of military strategy and talent for organization were such that Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall chose him over nearly 400 senior officers to lead U.S. forces in the war against Germany. After proving himself on the battlefields of North Africa and Italy in 1942 and 1943, Eisenhower was appointed supreme commander of Operation Overlord--the Allied invasion of northwestern Europe.



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MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT 1: New Weezer Album

Rivers Cuomo, front man for the alternative rock group Weezer, announced that their new full-length album is scheduled to be completed in August and released in early 2005. Nearly two years have passed since the band released *Maladroit* in May 2002, and fans are restlessly awaiting the release of the group's new music.

Cuomo, who provides lead vocals and guitar for the group, attends Harvard University in Cambridge Massachusetts. Cuomo decided to put his studies first and postpone the release of the new album, so it does not coincide or interfere with the end of the fall semester.

Weezer appeals to a wide audience with their musical style, titled 'nerd rock.' The songs have short catchy riffs and often incorporate the music of rock legends as a tribute to the group's heroes. Some listeners are skeptical of the band's use of others' music, but true fans love hearing the group honor inspirational musicians.

As Weezer fans hold their breath in anticipation of the new album, Cuomo manages to ease the waiting period by circulating some acoustic songs on the website www.myspace.com. So if you are a tried and true Weezer fan and cannot wait a minute longer, there is just enough Weezer music out there to hold you over until the beginning of next year.

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Read **MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT 2: Firefighters Honored with Concert** 

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On Wednesday, June 16, 2004, the California State Firefighters Association announced that a special Doo-Wop concert will be performed in Agoura Hills to honor local heroes. The concert will feature performances by The Penguins, Marvelettes, Crew Cuts, Might Echoes, and the New Chordettes. The event will occur Saturday, July 10, 2004, and both firefighters and residents from around the state will attend.

Local heroes will be honored at this special concert, particularly California state firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians who responded to last fall's wildfires. But these brave men and women do more than respond to wildfires. They also handle everyday emergencies like house fires and medical situations. Emergency Medical Technicians respond to more than 90% of the 911 calls received by fire departments.

The event was designed to honor the heroes who saved lives, pets and property during last year's wildfires. The celebration is also a reminder to all people that it's important to be prepared for fires and medical emergencies.

Tickets for the event can be purchased by calling 1-800-650-8830. The proceeds from the concert will go into a fund for California Firefighters and paramedics. The money will be used for educating and training these heroic people.

--Written by [Carla Shives](#)

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Just Happened

An acorn fell down from a tree
It barely made a sound.
A little squirrel happened by,
And buried it 'neath the ground.

Future food it had in mind,
But it never did return.
What fate the little creature met,
Is a fact we will never learn.

With passing time, and nature's help,
That brought the warmth of spring
The buried acorn sprouted,
And an oak tree it did bring.

Each year it grew much bigger,
And became a giant tree
All because that little squirrel,
On that spot, just happened to be.

--Written by [Edwin Morgan](#)

This poem is featured in America at the Millennium, an Anthology of Poetry released by the International Library of Poetry in November 2000.

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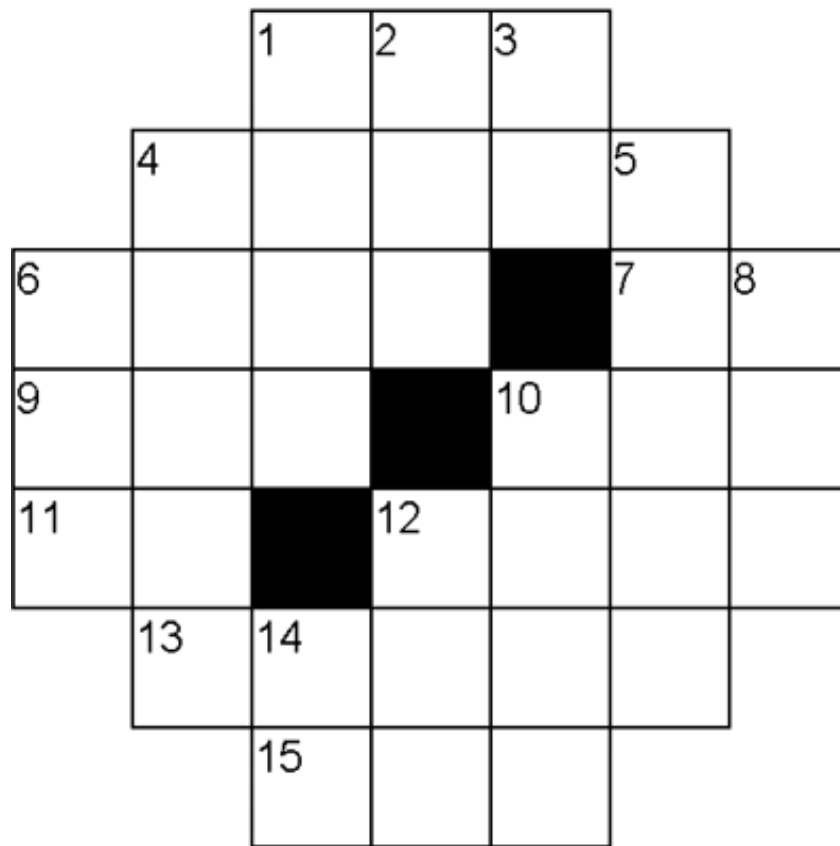
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ACROSS

- 1 Compass point
- 4 Encomium
- 6 Bee's home
- 7 Actinium (abbr.)
- 9 Roberto's yes
- 10 Free of
- 11 Place (abbr.)
- 12 Government (abbr.)
- 13 Ginger
- 15 Writing liquid

DOWN

- 1 Skimp
- 2 Honey maker
- 3 Washington (abbr.)
- 4 Medicine doses
- 5 Unknowing
- 6 Bunny movement
- 8 Central daylight time
- 10 Sway
- 12 __ Rummy (card game)
- 14 Private detective

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U.S. GOVERNMENT 1: Pledge of Allegiance

You've probably memorized the "Pledge of Allegiance." In fact, you may recite it in school every morning. But according to California resident Michael Newdow, the phrase "one nation under God" entwines two institutions that are otherwise constitutionally separated. Those two institutions are church and state.

Newdow is the father of a third-grade girl. He did not want her to recite the entire oath publicly. Newdow insists that the "Pledge of Allegiance" is a prayer. He filed a lawsuit against the Elk Grove Unified School District in Sacramento, California. But the case was lost on Monday with an 8-0 ruling by the Supreme Court.

According to court documents, the five justices declared that Michael Newdow could not stand for or speak for his daughter due to a court custody battle between him and his daughter's mother. The mother of the third-grade child does not have a problem with her daughter saying the pledge.

The court feels that each student should have the right to voluntarily recite the pledge or to voluntarily remain silent during that designated time of the school day. No child is obligated to say the pledge. Despite the ruling of the Supreme Court against him, Newdow says he will resurface with the case again.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT 2: Former President Reagan 

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U.S. GOVERNMENT 2: Former President Reagan

Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th President of the United States, died on Saturday, June 5, 2004. He was 93-years-old. He was survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy, as well as 4 children.

Reagan began his career as an actor, most notably playing the role George "The Gipper" Gipp in the film "Knut Rockne: All American." Reagan's ease in front of the camera and entertainer's charisma served him well as he pursued political aspirations

In his earlier days Reagan was a liberal Democrat, even campaigning for Harry Truman in 1948 and 1952, but he later became a conservative greatly opposed to big government and strongly in favor of free market economics.

In 1966 Reagan was persuaded by California Republicans to run for Governor. He trounced incumbent Democratic Governor Edmund Brown. In 1970 he was re-elected to a second term as Governor of the Golden State, touting smaller government and lower taxes. After a narrow loss to Gerald Ford in the 1976 Republican presidential primary, Reagan easily gained the party's nomination in 1980. Reagan went on to defeat incumbent President Jimmy Carter in a landslide election.

While Reagan continued pressing his agenda of smaller government and lower taxes, his true legacy is his hardliner stance towards communism during the so-called Cold War with the communist Soviet Union. He was defiant in the face of the so-called "Evil Empire," once famously challenging the Soviet President Mikhael Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall. Defense spending soared during the Reagan years, as did the national deficit. But Reagan's Hollywood charm put Americans at ease and gave them confidence in their leader. He even earned the nickname "The Great Communicator." When the Soviet Union fell apart in the early 90s, many felt that Reagan's policies expedited the collapse.

After two days in Washington DC for state funeral, President Reagan's body was returned to his beloved California for burial at his presidential library. Both friends and foes of Reagan agree that he was a compelling and influential figure who will long be remembered for his impact on history.

--Written by [Lincoln Gaffney](#)

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Answer all of the questions on the quiz, then select the Score button to grade the quiz.

There are 15 Questions total.

1. 1. How many bee hives were spilt when the tractor-trailer hauling them overturned?

1,000,000

307

512

1,712

2. The Dallas Zoo enclosure walls will be raised to what height?

15 feet

16 feet

18 feet

20 feet

3. Who is the lead singer of Weezer?

River Phoenix

Rivers Cuomo

Cuomo River

Steve Miller

4. The Organization for Security and Cooperation recently met in Paris to discuss:

border controls

the internet

nuclear arms

imports and exports

5. How many Supreme Court justices decided that Michael Newdow could not speak for his daughter?

one

two

five

six

6. What color clothing do Olympic Torchbearers wear?

blue

black

tan

white

7. How much do New Yorkers have to pay if their dogs bark more than 15 minutes a day?

\$25

\$30

\$50

\$75

8. On what day did former President Ronald Reagan die?

June 3

June 4

June 5

June 6

9. Refugees have NOT been returning to which country?

Iraq

Afghanistan

Burundi

Sudan

10. How many 911 calls are responded to by EMTs in California?

25%

76%

90%

100%

11. In which war did Joe DiMaggio serve?

World War I

World War II

Vietnam War

War on Terrorism

12. How many right whales still remain in our oceans?

less than one hundred

a few hundred

thousands

millions

13. What's the name of the new Pringles potato chip?

Pringles Pops

Pringles Party Chips

Pringles Colors

Pringles Prints

14. What Elvis song did radio stations worldwide play on June 5th, 2004?

Blue Suede Shoes

That's All Right

That's All Right

Hound Dog

15. When are the sun's rays the hottest?

between 10AM and 3PM

noon

between 8AM and 1PM

2PM exactly

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