



**Notable Quotable**

“Neither a wise man nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him.”

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. President



**November Horoscopes and Celebrity Birthdays**

If you were born between the November dates of November 1st and 21st, your astrological sign is Scorpio. Scorpions are powerful investigators who keep up on the comings and goings of their peers, take control, and lead the way to positive success.

Those born between November 22nd and 30th are Archers of Sagittarius. Archers are exciting and independent. Their positive attitudes, great senses of humor, and kind hearts make them good

friends. But get ready for an earful—Archers often also speak their minds. Celebrities born this month include: Wesley Clindinning – Nov. 3, 1933  
Sam Hayes – Nov. 10, 1937  
Morley Mozurak – Nov. 10, 1931  
Grace Kelly (princess) – Nov. 12, 1929  
Norah Smith – Nov. 15, 1919  
Larry King (interviewer) – Nov. 19, 1933  
Betty Harris – Nov. 21, 1919  
Micky Forrest – Nov. 24, 1924  
Tina Turner (singer) – Nov. 26, 1939  
Norma Nichol – Nov. 27, 1923  
Jean Izatt – Nov. 29, 1930  
Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) – Nov. 30, 1835

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and rescue organization Farm Sanctuary will be hard at work finding loving homes for an array of needy turkeys. And why stop at turkeys when you could adopt an entire barnyard?

Or perhaps you would prefer the nation adopt the turkey as its new national bird. Founding Father Benjamin Franklin himself denounced the bald eagle as

America’s symbol, writing:

*“I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country. He is a Bird of bad moral Character... the Turkey is in Comparison a much more respectable Bird, and withal a True original Native of America.”*

Is it time to redesign the United States’ Presidential Seal?

**It’s Rails to the Scale for Model Railroad Month**

November is Model Railroad Month and, boy, have model trains come a long way.

In the earliest days of model trains there were no standardized scales. Serious hobbyists and manufacturers eventually teamed up to create officially scaled trains and parts, allowing modelists to create vast layouts that mirror real places and historical periods to scale to the tiniest detail.

Different scales call for different layouts. HO scale is the most popular, with cars often no longer than a pencil. This makes HO-scaled trains perfect for indoors. G-scaled trains are larger and more durable, so they are great for outdoor garden exhibits. O-scale trains fall right in the middle; they are large enough to highlight detail and small enough for children’s hands. That’s what makes the O-scale the classic choice to run ’round the Christmas tree.

*The Chatterbox*

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**Celebrating November**

**Keith Phillips Entertains**  
*November 2*

**Ladies Jewelry Party**  
*November 3*

**Remembrance Day Service**  
*November 11*

**Kindness Day**  
*November 13*

**Birthday Social**  
*November 17*

**The Ramblers**  
*November 19*

**Christmas Bazaar**  
**1 – 3 pm**  
*November 25*

**Old Time Fiddlers**  
*November 26*

**Turkeys Up for Thanksgiving Adoption**

Although Thanksgiving is celebrated in October in Canada and in November in the United States, both countries often share one tradition: a roasted turkey for the Thanksgiving feast.

Why has turkey become the iconic meal for this holiday? Why not ham, chicken, goose, or beef? The menu choice is gastronomical as well as historical—with a long-held belief that Pilgrims ate turkey during their “First Thanksgiving.”

But did America’s European settlers actually feast on this gobbling bird? We know from the memoirs of William Bradford, governor of the Plymouth colony, that wild turkeys roamed the area around Plymouth

Rock. However, when we look to colonist Edward Winslow’s firsthand account of the First Thanksgiving, there is no mention of turkey. He notes “wild fowl,” but this could just have easily meant duck or goose.

If eating a turkey seems “fowl,” consider adopting one instead. November is Adopt-a-Turkey Month, *continued on pg. 4*



**A Name for Fearless November Leaders**

What is it about the name *Rogers* in November? The name is shared by many celebrities born in November.

There’s Will Rogers, one of the most famous satirists of the 1920s and 1930s; he was born November 4, 1879. Roy Rogers, the famous singing cowboy and actor, was born November 5, 1911. Kenny Rogers (the baseball pitcher who once pitched a perfect game, not the country music star) was born

November 19, 1964. George Rogers Clark, the American Revolutionary War general known as the “Washington of the West,” was born November 19, 1752. Baseball pitcher Buck Rogers the baseball pitcher was born November 5, 1912, and the first radio broadcast of *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century* also aired on November 7, 1932. If you know anyone who’s expecting a baby in November, suggest *Rogers*. It just may be the perfect name.

## If at First You Don't Succeed...

If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times that November 3 is Cliché Day. Don't let the mention of another foolish holiday get your goat. Only time will tell whether this holiday stands the test of time.

*"Police were called to a daycare where a three-year-old was resisting a rest."*

Or with a word that has more than one meaning:

*"I used to be a banker but I lost interest."*

And "Tom Swifties" relate certain words to others in a creative and punny way:

*"I need a pencil sharpener," said Tom bluntly.*

The term *cliché* has come to mean "an overused or unoriginal expression." But the French word *cliché* is actually an onomatopoeia: it's the sound a printing plate makes as it lays its ink on paper in the printing process.

In time, the printing plate itself became known as a cliché. Later, as a tribute to the repetitive process of mass printing, the term *cliché* came to refer to any oft-repeated expression.

Are you sick and tired of Cliché Day already but still thirsty for more word-related revelry? November 8 is Aid and Abet Puns Day, a day to support anyone daring enough to drop a pun. Clever punsters must rely entirely on wordplay to get a laugh, sometimes using a word or phrase that sounds like another:

Neurologist James H. Austin, author of *Zen and the Brain*, attempted to prove the inferiority of puns using MRI scans of the brain. When volunteers heard puns, they groaned—activating the left posterior *inferior* gyrus and left *inferior* frontal gyrus of their brains. Really funny jokes, on the other hand, involve the ventral part of the *medial* prefrontal cortex.

That hard science is simply no laughing matter.

## The Selfie Portraits of Life

Smile and say "Cheese" to yourself on November 16, International Selfie Day. Thanks to the mobile phone camera, the "selfie" has become the self portrait of choice for the tech savvy. Instantly recognized by its arm-length distance from the face, the selfie posture is used by everyone from kids to presidents and royalty. These digital pics provide a fun and real-time way to document your life

for yourself or for sharing with friends and family on social media.

Does snapping a selfie mean that you're too self-absorbed? Dr. Pamela Rutledge, director of the Media Psychology Research Center, believes that selfies are a valuable tool for self-reflection. Such introspection, she says, allows us insight into our thoughts and actions—so snap away!



*"Get your goat"—meaning anger or annoyance—appeared first in print in 1909.*



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## Alaskan Mish-Mash



*The alascatallo is the mythical offspring of a moose and a walrus, both native to Alaska.*

What do you get when you cross a moose with a walrus? If you live in Alaska, you get the mythical hybrid animal known as an alascatallo, which is celebrated in earnest on November 22.

As strange as the alascatallo may seem, it is not the only hybrid animal that draws popular curiosity. The unfortunately named beefalo is a real cross between a cow and a buffalo. The world's largest cat is a liger, a cross between a male lion and a tigress, which can grow to twice the normal size of its parents.

(The smaller tigon is the child of a lioness and tiger.) Hawaii has its wholphin, a rare mix of dolphin and false killer whale. However, more akin to the alascatallo is Wyoming's fabulous and impossible jackalope, a mythical jackrabbit with an antelope's antlers.

Most likely, the alascatallo is Alaska's idea of a joke. How do Alaskans celebrate? With the world's shortest parade. The three-minute affair occurs in an alleyway, and a prize is awarded to the smallest and least-appealing float.

## Movember for Men's Health



*The "Chevron" was popularized by actor Tom Selleck as Magnum P.I. on TV.*

All November long you may notice more men than usual sporting mustaches. These guys don't call this month "November"; they call it "Movember"—and their mustaches are symbols to help raise awareness of men's health issues. As men grow their "Mos," friends and supporters donate money to fund programs targeting men's health issues.

The Movember movement began in Australia in 2003. Since then it has inspired at least four million new mustaches. The Movember Foundation has helped raise about \$560 million and funded 800 different men's health programs around the world, aiding the fight against prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health issues.

Once you've agreed to sign up and "Grow a Mo," the only question remaining is what style to grow? The American Mustache Institute details a variety of "lower nose

accoutrements." The "Chevron," aka the "Magnum," is a popular choice. It's named after Tom Selleck's character on the show *Magnum P.I.* (left) and may be the manliest mustache of the bunch.

Then there's the "handlebar," which requires a touch of mustache wax. Its thin, curling edges can make you look like anything from a circus ringleader to a silent film-era villain to former Oakland A's pitcher Roland "Rollie" Fingers. The "horseshoe," aka the "trucker," demands a little more growth. It's like a hairy horseshoe hanging over your lip and along the sides of your mouth. For a picture perfect bleached-blond trucker, look no further than Hulk Hogan.

There are plenty of others: the "Dali," the "Pencil," the "Lampshade," the "Fu Manchu," and the grand "Imperial." All impress, and all support the men's health cause.