

Things You Didn't Know About U.S. Presidents

President's Day is a day to remember all the U.S. Presidents. Not only were these men leaders of the United States, they were multitalented, unique, and sometimes even downright quirky. We've heard a lot about their contribution to United States history. But would you have guessed the following?

- In warm weather, 6th president of the United States [John Quincy Adams](#) customarily went skinny-dipping in the Potomac River before dawn.
- [John Tyler](#), 10th U.S. president, fathered 15 children Tyler was past his seventieth birthday when his 15th child was born.
- 15th U.S. president [James Buchanan](#) is the only unmarried man ever to be elected president. Buchanan was engaged to be married once; however, his fiancée died suddenly after breaking off the engagement, and he remained a bachelor all his life.
- 17th U.S. president [Andrew Johnson](#) never attended school. His future wife, Eliza McCardle, taught him to write at the age of 17.
- Both ambidextrous and multilingual, 20th president of the United States [James Garfield](#) could write Greek with one hand while writing Latin with the other.
- [William Taft](#), 27th president of the United States, weighed more than 300 pounds and had a special oversized bathtub installed in the White House.
- [Warren Harding](#), 29th U.S. president, played poker at least twice a week, and once gambled away an entire set of White House china. His advisors were nicknamed the "Poker Cabinet" because they joined the president in his poker games.
- [Calvin Coolidge](#), 30th president of the United States, had chronic stomach pain and required 10 to 11 hours of sleep and an afternoon nap every day.
- 32nd president of the United States [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) was related, either by blood or by marriage, to 11 former presidents.
- [George W. Bush](#), 43rd president of the United States, and his wife Laura got married just three months after meeting each other.

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Poker Emerges As Family-Friendly Game; Even Fun For The Kids

Parents in the U.S. and Canada are beginning to think poker is good for kids, especially teens. They say it teaches life lessons, keeps kids off the street, and helps them build friendships.

As long as it doesn't get out of hand, the game teaches kids as they learn how to keep track of the odds and the cards. It gives them practice in handling their own money, so it sharpens their math skills without their knowing it does.

The game also teaches how to size up other people and deal with them diplomatically. Teenagers become good at understanding another person's point of view and developing camaraderie under pressure.

In Atlantic City, N.J., the home of many gambling casinos, it's no surprise that there is a concern that teens will become compulsive gamblers.

The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey has developed the first responsible-gambling curriculum for grades K-12. They say children don't understand gambling. They think if they win, it's because they are special or because God loves them.

The New Jersey program helps them develop abstract thinking. It emphasizes rational decision making and an awareness of the incredible odds against winning at casino games and the lottery.

Council president Ed Looney, quoted in Time, says they want to reach even the youngest kids with a message of moderation. The Council isn't saying that gambling is either good or bad. They want kids to learn how to make good choices.

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Informal Place Settings Save Space

Some of the great hostesses suggest we seat dinner guests closer together at the table. It seems that people are more likely to talk and socialize when they are almost elbow-to-elbow.

The question then becomes one of how to set a nice table when space is limited. A formal place setting begins with a napkin on the left, then a salad fork, dinner fork, and dessert fork. The dinner plate holding a salad bowl is in the center. To the right are a knife, small spoon, and soup spoon.


Above these are a bread plate with butter knife at the top left of the dinner plate, a coffee cup at the top right, plus a water glass, and wine glass. The place setting is about 20 inches wide.


To accommodate more people, consider informal American-style place settings. They can be beautiful while creating a table that can accommodate more guests. In about 13 inches: a dinner fork, then the plate with salad bowl on it, and the knife and soup spoon to the right. A fork and spoon are placed horizontally above the dinner plate for dessert and salad.

The napkin can be placed on the plate or into one of the glasses. If you will be using placemats, choose those that are 14 to 15 inches wide.

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Elegance dominates furniture market for 2007

Style analysts attending the recent International Furniture Market spotted several new trends. At the High Point, N.C. show, one of the world's largest trade shows, these styles were the predicted winners for 2007:

- * Eighteenth-century French furniture of the Marie Antoinette period, gilt furniture, or Louis XVI chairs with wooden accents.
- * Classic dark woods are re-creating tradition but with new features. A dark wood credenza by Century Furniture has a polished stone inlay in the top. The colors and styles originated in pre-World War II Europe and in classic Hollywood luxury furniture. Some new pieces have unexpected fabrics and painted finishes. Hendron Furniture's new Castalina collection includes a tall secretary painted Chinese red and overlaid with gold-colored swirls and leaves. It is a Martha Stewart design that can house a computer and has a keyboard tray.
- * Old World/Mediterranean style made a significant appearance at High Point. The sturdy pieces were upholstered in damask or velvet with hints of Tuscany, Morocco, or Spain.



"Your wife called to remind you that she still exists."

February 4: Super Bowl Alternatives



For those who follow and love the sport, once a year comes that shrine of all professional football: the Super Bowl.

For those who could care less about the rushing, helmeted hordes this February 4, there are ways to ignore Super Bowl Sunday with its bonding of the boys, large screen televisions, cholesterol-laden snacks, plus the newest and most expensive commercials.

One alternative has become movie marathons offered by the networks and cable television channels. In past years, these have ranged from more than 24 hours of back-to-back, popular cable fare like "Monk," primetime reruns of shows like "Law and Order," or special packages of theatrical movies. Channels and networks that have offered this type of programming in the past include Turner Network Television (TNT), the Lifetime Channel, and USA Network just to name a few.

Lifetime once used Family Album as its theme with titles encompassing, "Sophie's Choice," "On Golden Pond," "Mask," and "Ordinary People."

While the television marathon alternative has become popular, there are also those who could care less about television.

Then why not be creative and design your own day away from the whoopla of the jock watchers? Your choice might be a day of travel to a nearby spot you have always wanted to visit, catching up on all those things around the house you never seem to have time to do, a leisurely fishing trip, or just a quiet time in some corner reading the latest work of your favorite author.

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