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Contest:



So, you think you're smart, eh? Just because you can count turkeys or write short stories, you think you're pretty darn fancy stuff with these contests, don't you? Welcome to 1983, pal.

When February rolls around, everyone thinks of such mundane stuff as Valentine's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, and so on. Looks like a real yawner of a month, no? Exchange valentines, take a day or two off from work, and get ready for March. *Zzzzzzz.*

No longer. The Puns 'n' Anagrams contest on page 4 is designed to help you learn about what a great month February has been in the past. Did you know that on February 4, 1913, the demountable automobile tire was patented? Or that the first sardine was canned on February 17, 1876? Or that on February 22, 1630, the Indians treated the American colonists to their first batch of popcorn? Of course not! If you did, then you'd be working for *Softalk* digging up junk like this.

Whether or not you knew those tidbits of trivia isn't important. What is important is that once you complete this month's contest you'll have a whole bunch of facts, just like those previously mentioned, at your fingertips to impress people with at parties. (Probably the last party you'll ever get invited to, but you'll be a better person for it.)

The first part of the contest involves figuring out what the heck each clue refers to. It may be a person, a thing, or an event. All you have to do, then, is to write the answer in its appropriate spot in the crossword puzzle. The person with the most complete puzzle will be crowned Softalk Crossword Solver Supreme and will re-

ceive \$100 in booty made by our advertisers.

The second part involves more than just being clever, smart, or generally intelligent. It requires good research skills.

Once you have the answers to the crossword puzzle, find out what each one has to do with this exciting month of February, and when it happened. In other words, if the answer was "French prayer," then you would immediately remember that the French people were granted the freedom of worship on February 21, 1795. You remember? Good. Then you write a brief description of it and the date it took place. That shouldn't be too hard; after all, so much happened during this month in history that you'll have a hard time deciding where to start.

Whoever compiles the most complete list of explanations and dates will win a bonus prize of \$100 in Apple accessories. Sound simple? You bet it is; we wanted to give you extra time to send us Valentine's Day cards.

And, because this contest is so simple, we're only going to accept the first fifty thousand entries we receive with postmarks on or before March 15, 1983. So get to work, and have (heh, heh) fun.

Mail in your entry with this coupon or a facsimile to: Softalk Dates, Box 60, North Hollywood, CA 91603, postmarked no later than March 15, 1983.

Hello, my name is: _____

And I live at: _____

My city and state: _____

Phone me at: _____

Gee, I'd like to win: _____

Here's my autograph: _____

The answer to the trivia question on page 132 is John F. Kennedy—and even that depends on the definition of "naval hero."