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Googol or Google

Edward Kasner (1878-1955), an American mathematician, introduced the term “googol” which is the number 1 followed by 100 zeros.

The Only...

- The only active diamond mine in the US is in Arkansas
- The only crime named in the US Constitution is treason
- The only planet to rotate on its side is Uranus
- The bloodhound is the only animal whose evidence is admissible in court

Helpful hints from your library staff.

Did you know ...

—If our library does not own an item you need, you can request it from another library.

—Can't get to the library? You can access library resources from home with your username and password.

—If you have any questions contact your librarians at:

mth-reference@uwc.edu

February was named after the Latin term februum, which means purification, via the purification ritual Februa held on February 15 in the old Roman calendar.

The History of Valentine's Day

Some people say that the day is named after a bishop named Valentine, who was stationed in the Roman Empire when Claudius II was the Emperor. Claudius II thought unmarried men made better soldiers, so he made a law that young men could not marry. Around 270 A.D., Valentine took pity on the soldiers who were not permitted to marry or see their sweethearts. He became an advocate of these young lovers and began to perform secret marriages. He was found out and sentenced to be executed.



Did you know....

—Snow crystals are soil particles that have been dressed up in ice.

—Snow is not really “white”. Snow is made up of ice crystals looking like clear glass. As snowflakes pile up, the light is reflected and color scattered making the snow appear white. This is also true for a polar bears fur or your grandpa's white hair. It is all about the way it reflects the light.

—Rochester, NY averages 94” of snow annually with Buffalo, NY coming in a close second.

The Dominican Republic



*celebrates
Independence
Day on Febru-
ary 27th. On this
day in 1844 a
twenty-two year
occupation by
Haiti came to an
end.*