

Happy St. Patrick's Day

17 Irish fun facts to amaze your virtual mates



The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1762.

Irish tradition: If your palm itches you're going to get money. If the back of your hand itches you're losing it.



Traditionally, Irish brides carried a new horseshoe up the aisle for good luck.



1-161 Americans are named Patrick.

Jasper O'Farrell, born in County Wexford, planned San Francisco in 1847.



President Obama's ancestors hailed from County Offaly.



Ireland's green harp flag of the revolution was first used in 1642.



County Kilkenny's James Hoban designed the White House.

Irish surnames that start with Mac means son of, O means grandson of.



Ireland gained its independence from Britain in 1922



Bram Stoker wrote *Dracula* in 1876 when he was a civil servant in Dublin.



1 in 10,000 clovers have four leaves.



450 American churches are named after Saint Patrick.



275 Irish mansions were burned down during the Irish Civil War from 1919-1923.

The submarine was invented in Ireland by John Philip Holland.



The Irish wolfhound is the tallest dog breed in the world.



St. Patrick is also the Patron Saint of Nigeria

The Harp is the national symbol of Ireland

