

Trivia

Canada and the United States are the world's largest producers of paper and paper products.

The 1904 World's Fair, in St. Louis, Missouri, marked the debut of iced tea.

King Kong's roar was created by combining the roars of a tiger and a lion, then running the new roar in reverse.

The pyramid of Snefru is called the Red Pyramid because of the reddish limestone used to build it.

Martha Washington was the great-grandmother of Robert E. Lee's wife, Mary Anna Custis Lee.

Scientists are studying frankincense because there seems to be a substance within it that inhibits the growth of cancerous cells.

Easter Island is 64 square miles.

Early U.S. apple orchards produced very few apples until honeybees were shipped in from England in 1622.

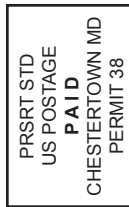
When rubbed, amber can acquire an electric charge.

The only members of the U.S. Congress elected under the banner of the Socialist Party were Meyer London (NY) and Victor Berger (WI).

The first Ford automobiles featured engines built by John and Horace Dodge at their shop in Detroit.

Approximately 95% of humans are not susceptible to the bacteria that causes Hansen's disease, a.k.a. leprosy.

Her real name is "Liberty Enlightening the World," but she is more well known as simply "The Statue of Liberty."



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Dates in History

1797 On October 22, 1797, Andre-Jacques Garnerin made his first successful parachute jump above Paris. He first ascended to an altitude of 3,200 feet in a balloon, and then jumped from the basket. He landed about half a mile from the takeoff site unharmed. After his first jump, he included an air vent at the top of the parachutes.

1839 The Orionid meteor shower, the most prolific shower associated with Halley's Comet, begins on October 2 and lasts into the first week of November. It peaks around the 21st of October. At its peak, up to 20 meteors are visible every hour. The best time to view is just after midnight and right before dawn. E.C. Herrick made the observation in 1839.

1891 On October 27, 1891, inventor Philip B. Downing was awarded a patent for an improved letter drop box. The improvements made the mail box weatherproof and tamper proof by improving the covering and the opening. The design is basically what is in use today.

1903 On October 23, 1903, Crayola brand crayons were first sold. They cost a nickel a box for eight crayons: red, blue, yellow, green, violet, orange, black and brown. Alice Binney, the wife of company founder Edwin Binney, came up with the name "Crayola" from "craie," the French word for chalk, and "ola," from "oleaginous," which means oily.

1955 On October 25, 1955, the first domestic microwave oven - the size of a conventional oven - was introduced in Mansfield, Ohio, by the Tappan Company and sold for \$1,300. In 1967, Raytheon bought Amana Refrigeration and, two years later, came out with the first countertop microwave oven that cost just under \$500.

On the Lighter Side

If I'm on the golf course and lightning starts, I get inside fast. If God wants to play through, let him.

The rules of football and the plot of The Godfather are the two most complicated things that every guy understands no matter how dumb he is.

It was the first day of basketball practice at Wingate High School in Brooklyn. Coach handed a ball to each player. "Fellas," he said, "I want you to practice shooting from the spots you might expect to be in during the game." The No. 12 sub immediately sat down on the bench and began arcing the ball toward the basket.

My husband, a big-time sports fan, was watching a football game with our grandchildren. He had just turned 75 and was feeling a little wistful. "You know," he said to our grandson, Tommy, "it's not easy getting old. I guess I'm in the fourth quarter now." "Don't worry, Grandpa," Tommy said cheerily. "Maybe you'll go into overtime."

When the patient was wheeled into the emergency room, I could tell he was out of it. I asked if he knew the date. He didn't. I asked, "Do you know what season it is?" He thought a moment. "Baseball?"

Our high school has lots of spirit, but that didn't help the football team, who had yet to win a game. So when our principal saw some cheerleaders sitting in the stands, he asked, "Don't you think you girls should be down there cheering for your team?" "I think," one of them said, "we should be down there playing for our team."

I'm not good at sports, but I like parallel parking. Unlike sports, the worse you are at parallel parking, the more people you have rooting for you.