

Trivia

did you know that ...

The Hollywood star who played the most leading roles in feature films was John Wayne (1907-1979), who appeared in 153 movies.

The average human head has about 100,000 hairs.

In 2006, the five colleges with the highest enrollment were University of Phoenix online campus (165,573), Ohio State University main campus (51,818), Miami-Dade (51,329), Arizona State University Tempe Campus (51,234), and University of Florida (50,912)

Las Vegas is the top wedding destination with over 100,000 weddings a year, followed by Hawaii at 25,000 weddings a year.

In December 2009, there were over 250 million active users on Facebook, up from 1 million active users in December 2004.

The eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980 had 500 times the power of an atomic bomb. Geologists considered this a moderate eruption.

Gerald Ford was the first person to be both vice president and president without being elected by the people.

A Web site titled "The Pi-Search Page" finds a person's birthday and other well known numbers in the digits of pi.

It takes 3500 calories to make a pound.

Mars has 37.5% of the gravity that Earth has. This means that a 100-pound person on Earth would weigh only 38 pounds on Mars and could jump three times as high.

(<http://www.facts.randomhistory.com/>)

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Dates in History

1941 On December 25th, Bing Crosby introduced "White Christmas" to the world, written by the formidable composer and lyricist Irving Berlin. The song received its world premiere on Bing Crosby's weekly NBC radio program in The Kraft Music Hall.

1972 On December 31st, Roberto Clemente, future Hall of Fame baseball player, was killed along with four others when the cargo plane in which he was traveling crashed off the coast of Puerto Rico. Clemente was on his way to deliver relief supplies to Nicaragua following a devastating earthquake there a week earlier.

2001 On December 15th, Italy's Leaning Tower of Pisa reopened after a team of experts spent 11 years and \$27 million to fortify the tower without eliminating its famous lean.

(<http://www.history.com>)

On the Lighter Side

Puns

Reading while sunbathing makes you well, red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

What do you call a country where everyone drives a red car? A red carnation.

A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.

Sea captains don't like crew cuts.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.

What's the definition of a will? (Come on, it's a dead giveaway!)

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist, will you get repossessed?

If a clock is hungry does it go back four seconds?

When you dream in color, it's a pigment of your imagination.

What do you call two people in an ambulance?

A pair of medics.

There was a man who entered the local newspaper's pun contest. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned...couldn't concentrate.

(<http://www.jokesclean.com/Puns/>)