

Trivia

Babe Ruth wore a cabbage leaf under his cap to keep his head cool. He changed it every two innings.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

The moon is moving away from the Earth at a tiny, although measurable, rate every year. 85 million years ago it was orbiting the Earth about 35 feet from the planet's surface.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time: 1/100th of a second.

The two-foot long bird called a Kea that lives in New Zealand likes to eat the strips of rubber around car windows.

More people use blue rather than red toothbrushes.

The band Duran Duran got their name from an astronaut in the 1968 Jane Fonda movie "Barbarella."

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

Chances that an American lives within 50 miles of where he/she grew up are 1 in 2.

A group of unicorns is called a blessing.

Moisture, not air, causes super glue to dry.

La Paz, Bolivia, is the world's most fireproof city. At 12,000 feet about sea level, the amount of oxygen in the air barely supports a flame.

Fidgeting can burn about 350 calories a day.

A fully loaded supertanker traveling at normal speed takes at least twenty minutes to stop.

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Dates in History

- 1455** On May 22nd, the War of the Roses began. The war was a civil war between the houses of Lancaster and York. The war was limited to English nobility and involved few of the populace.
- 1674** May 19th, John III Sobieski was elected King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania. One of the most notable monarchs of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, Sobieski's military skill contributed to the Commonwealth's stabilization, much needed after the turmoil of the Deluge and the Khmelnytsky Uprising. An able military commander, he was most famous for his victory over the Turks at the 1683 Battle of Vienna.
- 1792** On May 17th, two dozen merchants and brokers established the New York Stock Exchange. In good weather they operated under a buttonwood tree on Wall Street. In bad weather they moved inside to a coffeehouse to conduct business.
- 1865** Decoration Day was first observed on May 5th in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a three-day holiday weekend.
- 1960** On May 1st, an American U-2 spy plane flying at 60,000 feet was shot down over Sverdlovsk in central Russia on the eve of a summit meeting between President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Soviet Russia's Premier Nikita Khrushchev. The sensational incident caused a cancellation of the meeting and heightened existing Cold War tensions.

(historyplace.com)

On the Lighter Side

When I was a boy, I had a disease that required me to eat dirt three times a day in order to survive... It's a good thing my older brother told me about it.

My girlfriend is always stealing my t-shirts and sweaters... But if I take one of her dresses, suddenly "we need to talk".

My wife gave birth 4 times and still fits in her prom dress from high school. I gave birth 0 times and I don't fit in my pants from March.

Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me, it means a lot.

We just got a fax. At work. We didn't know we had a fax machine. The entire department just stared at it. I poked it with a stick.

The dinner I was cooking for my family was going to be a surprise but the fire trucks ruined it.

Smoking will kill you... Bacon will kill you... But, smoking bacon will cure it.

A healthy sleep not only makes your life longer, but also shortens the workday.

Intelligence is like underwear. It is important that you have it, but not necessary that you show it off.

Turning vegan is a big missed steak.

I just found out I'm colorblind. The diagnosis came completely out of the purple.

So apparently RSVP'ing back to a wedding invite 'maybe next time' isn't the correct response.

My email password has been hacked. That's the third time I've had to rename the cat.

(onlinefun.com)