

Trivia

All major league baseball umpires must wear black underwear while on the job in case their pants split.

The star Antares is 60,000 times larger than our sun. If our sun were the size of a softball, the star Antares would be as large as a house.

Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to operate a television for three hours.

An average of 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

The leg bones of a bat are so thin that no bat can walk.

A rainbow can be seen only in the morning or late afternoon. It can occur only when the sun is 40 degrees or less above the horizon.

There are more living organisms on the skin of a single human being than there are human beings on the surface of the earth.

If you sneeze too hard you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.

An eagle can kill a young deer and fly carrying it.

A Boeing 767 airliner is made of 3,100,000 separate parts.

In Ancient Egypt, priests plucked every hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.

A snail can sleep for three years.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "-dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

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Dates in History

1673 On January 1st, regular mail delivery began between New York and Boston. The General Court of Massachusetts designated Richard Fairbanks' tavern in Boston as the official site of mail delivery going to or coming from overseas as most correspondence was between colonists and family back in England. In 1673, New York's Governor Francis Lovelace set up a monthly horseback post between New York and Boston. Old Boston Post Road is part of today's Route 1.

1758 As the father of modern taxonomy, Carolus Linnaeus defined the principles for grouping, ranking and naming organisms on January 1. Also called binomial nomenclature (or Latin name) the first part of the name identifies the genus to which the species belongs and the second part of the name identifies the species within the genus.

1801 The dwarf planet Ceres was discovered by Italian monk Giuseppe Piazzi on January 1. Dwarf planet Ceres is the largest object in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter and the only dwarf planet located in the inner solar system. Ceres became the first dwarf planet to receive a visit from a spacecraft in 2015. Ceres is named for the Roman goddess of agriculture, grain and harvests.

1935 Tulane Green Wave hosted the first "Sugar Bowl," besting Temple 20-14 on January 1st. Coined by Fred Digby, sports editor of the *New Orleans Item*, Tulane's stadium, built in 1926, was previously a sugar cane plantation where Étienne de Boré first granulated sugar from cane syrup. Sweeter still, the Sugar Bowl will host a semifinal playoff game following the 2017 season.

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On the Lighter Side

Guy walks into a bar and orders a fruit punch. Bartender says "Pal, if you want a punch you'll have to stand in line." Guy looks around, but there is no punch line.

As a scarecrow, people say I'm outstanding in my field. But hay, it's in my jeans.

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? They have the same middle name.

My friend asked me to help him round up his 37 sheep. I said "40."

My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo. So I had to put my foot down.

How many opticians does it take to change a lightbulb? Is it one or two? One... or two?

Instructor: What do we want?

Pilots: Low flying airplane noises!

Instructor: When do we want them?

Pilots: NNNEEEEEEOOOOOOOWWWWWW!

I've found a job helping a one armed typist do capital letters. It's shift work.

Wife says to her programmer husband, "Go to the store and buy a loaf of bread. If they have eggs, buy a dozen." Husband returns with 12 loaves of bread.

What is the difference between a good joke and a bad joke timing.

Have you heard about those new corduroy pillows? They're making headlines.

Two cows are grazing in a field. One cow says to the other, "You ever worry about that mad cow disease?". The other cow says, "Why would I care? I'm a helicopter!".

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