Trivia

did you know that ...

The first outdoor sign advertising "Coca-Cola" still exists. It was originally painted in 1894 and is located in Cartersville, Georgia.

The largest man-made lake in the U.S. is Lake Mead, created by Hoover Dam.

The top five oil exporting nations in the World are Saudi Arabia, Russia, Norway, United Arab Emirates and Iran.

Average lifespan of a major league baseball is 7 pitches.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

In Colombia, an individual can be fined up to \$90,000 for gossiping.

Hummingbirds can't walk.

A tortoise can live up to 140 years old.

It is against the law to purchase or consume Jack Daniels Whiskey in the city where it is produced (Lynchburg, TN).

In 2005, Canada was the single-largest trading partner with the United States. China was second and Mexico was third.

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

The United States spends more money on its military than the next 13 countries on the list combined!

2 and 5 are the only prime numbers that end in 2 or 5.

The only letter not appearing on the Periodic Table is the letter "J".

In 2010, IKEA printed 198 million copies of its catalog.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

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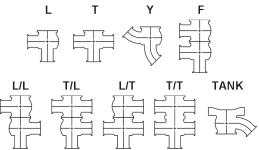






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Dates in History

- 1863 On July 1st, the largest military conflict in North American history began when about 160,000 Union and Confederate forces collided at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The epic battle lasted three days and resulted in a retreat to Virginia by Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.
- On July 5th, in the East End of London, revivalist preacher William Booth and his wife Catherine established the Christian Mission, later known as the Salvation Army. Determined to wage war against the evils of poverty and religious indifference with military efficiency, Booth modeled his Methodist sect after the British army, labeling uniformed ministers as "officers" and new members as "recruits."
- 1974 On July 3rd, Los Angeles Dodger Mike Marshall sets a major league record for most games pitched consecutively when he relieved starting pitcher Tommy John to pitch in his 13th consecutive game. Marshall's was remarkable for his ability to pitch every day without experiencing the soreness and injury that plagued other pitchers, like Tommy John.
- 1995 On July 14th, Representatives of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) were not in attendance at the 1995 christening of the infant technology that would shake their business model to its core just a few years later. Known formally as "MPEG-1 Audio Layer 3," the technology in question was an efficient new format for the encoding of high-quality digital audio using a highly efficient data-compression algorithm. In other words, it was a way to make CD-quality music files small enough to be stored in bulk on the average computer and transferred manageably across the Internet. Released to the public one week earlier, the brand-new MP3 format was given its name and its familiar ".mp3" file extension on this day in 1995.

On the Lighter Side

At school one morning the teacher asked little Johnny what he had for breakfast. Little Johnny said, "Well, on my way to school I come cross this Apple tree, so I climbed up there and started eating apples. I guess I eat about six", said little Johnny. "No", said the teacher, "it's ate!" Little Johnny said "Well it could've been eight I don't remember."

Doctor: I'm sorry to have to tell you that you may have rabies, and it could prove fatal.

Patient: Well, doctor, please give me pencil and paper.

Doctor: To make your will?

Patient: No, to make a list of people I want to bite.

A college student challenged a senior citizen, saying it was impossible for their generation to understand his. "You grew up in a different world," the student said. "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, nuclear energy, computers..."

Taking advantage of a pause in the student's litany, the geezer said, "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young; so we invented them! What are you doing for the next generation??"

A scratch golfer hits his ball three hundred yards straight down the fairway, and it hits a sprinkler and careens off into the woods. He finds the ball, but trees surround it. He's upset, says what the heck, grabs his nine-iron, and hits the ball as hard as he can. It bounces off a tree back at the golfer's head and kills him.

He arrives in heaven, and God himself is at the Pearly Gates to greet him. Looking up his records, God sees that the guy golf's and says, "Are you any good?"

The golfer looks at God and says, "I got here in two, didn't I?"

Alfie had been listening to his sister practicing her singing. "Sis," he said, "I wish you'd sing Christmas carols."

"That's nice of you, Alfie," she said. "Why?"
"Then I'd only have to hear you once a year!"