Pittsburgh is the only city where all major sports teams have the same colors: Black and gold.

Until 1796, there was a state in the United States called Franklin. Today it's known as Tennessee.

Sharks and rays are the only animals known to man that don't get cancer. Scientists believe this has something to do with the fact that they don't have bones, but cartilage.

Out of all the senses, smell is most closely linked to memory.

The Mexican Jumping Bean is not a bean. It is actually a thin-shelled section of a seed capsule containing the larva of a small gray moth called the jumping bean moth (Laspeyresia saltitans).

The first known heart medicine was discovered in an English garden. In 1799, physician John Ferriar noted the effect of dried leaves of the common plant, digitalis purpurea, on heart action. Still used in heart medications, digitalis slows the pulse and increases the force of heart contractions and the amount of blood pumped per heartbeat.

"Soldiers disease" is a term for morphine addiction. The Civil War produced over 400,000 morphine addicts.

Some crickets burrow megaphone-like tunnels that help transport the sound of their chirps as far as 2,000 feet away.

When christening a ship, instead of using champagne, the Vikings would sacrifice a human being.

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Dates in **History**

On August 12, Cecil DeMille, one of the most influential filmmakers of all time was born.

1909 On August 19th, First race was held at Indianapolis Motor Speedway

2005 On August 28th, Hurricane Katrina comes ashore, beginning it's assault on the Gulf Coast.

On the Lighter Side

- Why is it illegal to park in a handicapped parking space but okay to go to the bathroom in a handicapped stall?
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They both should be changed regularly and for the same reason.
- A bunch of chickens were in the yard when a football flew over the fence and landed in their midst. A rooster waddled over, studied it, then said: "I'm not complaining, girls, but look at the work they're turning out next door."
- If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?
- If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?
- "My husband said it was him or the cat... I miss him sometimes." —Anonymous
- Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

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