

Trivia



The world's largest chocolate bunny was constructed by South African artist Harry Johnson in 2010, and was 12 feet, five inches tall and weighed in at more than three tons.

Vatican City is the smallest country in the world.

Lima beans can tell the difference between day and night, and play some sweet defense during daylight hours by secreting a nectar that attracts ants, whose presence repels hungry herbivores.

The Alaska Canada Military Highway was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on a blustery November 20, 1942. The Alaska Highway was built in eight months to ensure a safe supply road during World War II. Known for years as the Alcan, the road was originally for military use only. But it was opened to the public in the late 1940s.

During WWII, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights were all stored at Fort Knox, KY.

Arizona and Hawaii are the only two states in the U.S. that don't observe Daylight Savings Time.

On every continent there is a city named Rome.

Giraffe's are the only mammal with no vocal cords.

In ancient Greece, throwing an apple at someone was a declaration of love.

Before the Beatles were formed, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, and George Harrison were originally members of a group called The Quarrymen.

Mercury is the only metal that is a liquid at normal atmospheric pressure and temperature.

Thailand is also known as the Land of White Elephants.

Japan has the most vending machines per capita in the world.



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Dates in History

- 1492** On August 3rd, from the Spanish port of Palos, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus set sail in command of three ships, the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria, on a journey to find a western sea route to China, India, and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia.
- 1898** On August 16th, Edwin Prescott, a roller coaster designer from Massachusetts, was granted a patent for an improvement to roller coasters that ride enthusiasts have come to take for granted, the vertical loop.
- 1939** On August 26th, the first televised Major League baseball game was broadcast on station W2XBS, the station that was to become WNBC-TV. Announcer Red Barber called the game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, New York.
- 1949** On August 3rd, after a damaging three-year battle to win both players and fans, the rival Basketball Association of America (BAA) and National Basketball League (NBL) merged to form the National Basketball Association (NBA). Today, the NBA attracts players and millions of fans from countries around the world.
- 1963** On August 28th, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered the "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington. On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., the African American civil rights movement reached its high-water mark when Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke to about 250,000 people attending the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

On the Lighter Side

What does the world's top dentist get?
A little plaque.

What did one ocean say to the other?
Nothing, they just waved.

Why aren't koalas actual bears?
They didn't meet the koalafications.

What do you call a fake noodle?
An impasta.

What did the fisherman say to the magician?
Pick a cod, any cod.

Why do seagulls fly over the sea?
If they flew over the bay, they would be bagels.

Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth.
Then it becomes a soap opera.

I lost my job at the bank on my first day. Someone asked me to check their balance, so I pushed them over.

I told my doctor I heard buzzing, but he said it's just a bug going around.

Someone told me that I should write a book. I said, "That's a novel concept."

I've been bored recently, so I decided to take up fencing. The neighbors keep demanding that I put it back.

How can you tell it's a dogwood tree?
By its bark.

I used to hate facial hair, but then it grew on me.

Why are spiders so smart?
They can find everything on the web.

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