

# Trivia

More people are killed by donkeys annually than are killed in plane crashes.

The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

Baby robins eat 14 feet of earthworms every day.

The praying mantis is the only insect that can turn its head.

Facetious and abstemious contain all the vowels in the correct order, as does arsenious, meaning "containing arsenic."

Hypnotism is banned by public schools in San Diego.

The name "Jeep" came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "general purpose" vehicle, G.P.

One quarter of the bones in your body are in your feet.

The average person has over 1,460 dreams a year.

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

Literally translated, hors d'oeuvre means "outside of work."

Columbia University is the second largest landowner in New York City, after the Catholic Church.

The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters.

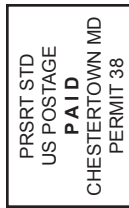
Chances that an American lives within 50 miles of where he/she grew up are 1 in 2.

Jupiter is bigger than all the other planets combined.

The characters Bert and Ernie on "Sesame Street" were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life."

"Bingo" is the name of the dog on the Cracker Jack box.

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# Dates in History

**1613** When Ivan the Terrible died in 1584, Boris Godunov, his trusted advisor became the power behind the throne. Fearing Ivan's in-laws, the Romanovs, Boris sent the head of the family, Philaret, into a monastery and exiled all others well away from Moscow. The "Time of Troubles" ensued with false heirs and chaos until February 21, 1613 when a coalition of Russian lords elected Michael Romanov, son of Philaret, first Russian Tsar of the house of Romanov.

**1790** Article Three of the U.S. Constitution took effect in 1789 establishing the U.S. Supreme Court. On February 1, 1790, the Supreme Court convened for the first time in the Royal Exchange Building on New York City's Broad Street. Chief Justice John Jay of New York presided.

**1863** After failing to strike it rich prospecting for gold and silver, an enterprising young American wrote a humorous travel story for the February 3, 1863 issue of *Territorial Enterprise*, a newspaper serving Virginia City, Nevada. He was Samuel Longhorne Clemens and the pen-name he chose to use for the first time was Mark Twain.

**1971** Rudolf Kingslake, eminent academician, lens designer, and engineer, studied optical design earning his Master's Degree at London's Imperial College of Science and Technology. He was invited to teach at the University of Rochester, where he founded the Institute of Optics. Kingslake later became the head of Optical Design department of Eastman Kodak while continuing his teaching at the university. Kingslake died February 8, 1971 at 99 years old.

# On the Lighter Side

Some people say the glass is half full. Some people say the glass is half empty. Engineers say the glass is twice as big as necessary.

I asked the corporate wellness officer, "Can you teach me yoga?" He said, "How flexible are you?" I said, "I can't make Tuesdays."

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

How do construction workers party? They raise the roof.

For a chef, knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the fire department usually uses water.

The human brain is a wonderful thing. It starts working the moment you are born, and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

I think they picked me for my motivational skills. Everyone always says they have to work twice as hard when I'm around!

There is a new trend in our office; everyone is putting names on their food. I saw it today, while I was eating a sandwich named Kevin.

We have at least six ways to get outside: The front entrance, the back entrance, three side entrances – and dial nine.

