

Trivia

The word lunacy is rooted in the 16th-century belief that periodic insanity was caused by phases of the moon. It comes from the Latin word for the moon: luna.



Porcupine literally means "Spiny Pig" in French.

People who read books regularly tend to live longer on average than those who don't read at all. Reading leads to increased mental stimulation, lower stress, and healthier cognitive aging.

A mantis shrimp can see colors humans can't even imagine. They have 16 types of photoreceptor cells compared to our 3. They perceive a spectrum of color beyond human comprehension.

Near a black hole, time slows dramatically. If you stood close enough (and survived), years could pass for the universe while only minutes passed for you. Time isn't fixed; it stretches.

Charles de Gaulle, the former president of France, is in the Guinness Book of World Records for having survived the most assassination attempts in the world. He survived over 30 of them before dying naturally at age 79.

If you go to the sky deck of the Willis Tower in Chicago on a clear day, you can see four other U.S. states: Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

Gene Wilder agreed to play Willy Wonka on the condition that he enter with a cane, followed by a surprise somersault. That way, no one would know if he was lying or telling the truth for the rest of the film.

Luke Skywalker's last name was meant to be 'Starkiller', but George Lucas felt that it had "unpleasant connotations" with criminal cult leader Charles Manson.

Giraffes are 30 times more likely to be hit by lightning than humans.

The spiked dog collar was invented by the ancient Greeks to protect their dogs from wolf attacks.

No piece of A4 paper can be folded more than 7 times.



It takes roughly 540 peanuts to make a jar of peanut butter.

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Dates in History

1817 On July 4th, workers broke ground on the Erie Canal at Rome, New York. The canal was a massive engineering challenge. Workers built the canal almost entirely by hand; the project was completed before the invention of dynamite or the steam shovel. Nine thousand laborers used picks, axes, and gunpowder to carve through the rock. On the fly, they devised tools like stump pullers and a hydraulic cement that hardened underwater.

The construction team included engineers with experience of the most advanced canal systems in England and France, but this was a project on an unprecedented scale. Once completed, the canal ran 363 miles long, 40 feet wide and four feet deep. It also included 83 lift locks, needed to traverse the 600 feet of elevation change from the Hudson River to Lake Erie—the most significant elevation change in the smallest distance of any lock in the world.

1862 On July 1, Abraham Lincoln signed the first federal income tax bill into law, introducing a 3% tax on annual incomes between \$600 and \$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes above \$10,000. This measure was enacted during the American Civil War to help fund the Union's war efforts. On the same day, Congress established the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the predecessor to today's Internal Revenue Service, creating a formal system for collecting federal taxes and managing government revenue.

1953 On July 27, the Korean War came to an end with the signing of an armistice agreement by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The conflict, which had lasted just over three years, began in 1950 when North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea, drawing in international involvement led by the United States under the United Nations. The armistice halted active fighting and established the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), a buffer that still separates North and South Korea today, though no formal peace treaty was ever signed.

On the Lighter Side



What would bears be without bees? Ears.

Why was the man hit by a bike every day?
Because he was stuck in a vicious cycle.

How does Davey Crockett like his pie? Alamo'd

Mondays make me sad, but 48 hours ago, it was a sadder day.

A local hairdresser put up a new sign 'we give \$3 haircuts.' Seeing this, the barber next door decided to erect their new sign 'we fix \$3 haircuts.'

Why did the can crusher quit his job?
Because it was soda pressing.

Chuck Norris could win a game of Connect Four in three moves.

What do you call a deep sea Transformer? Octopus Prime.

Why did the blind man fall down the well? He couldn't see that well.

I wonder what Edward Scissorhands thinks of touchscreen technology.

My grandfather has the heart of a lion, and a lifetime ban at the zoo.

I love pressing F5. It is so refreshing.

"What is a pirate's favorite letter of the alphabet? None of them. Historians suggest that most pirates were illiterate.

