

Trivia

Heaviest newspaper ever printed: The New York Times, 10/17/65. At 946 pages it weighed 7.5 pounds.

Senegalese women spend an average of 17.5 hours collecting water each week.

When Sir Henry Royce died in 1933, the "RR" Rolls-Royce monogram was changed from red to black.

Whoopi Goldberg's real name is Caryn Elaine Johnson.

Nearly 50% of the world's scientists are assigned to military projects.

To win at bingo in the old days, you had to ring a small bell. That's where the "bing" comes from.

Avocados have more protein than any other fruit.

Are you part of the 33% of the population who can't snap their fingers?

Stilts were invented by French shepherds who needed a way to get around in wet marshes.

It takes a drop of water more than one thousand years to circulate around the world.

Mammal rule of thumb: if you eat meat, you have at least four toes on each foot.

Attics were invented in Attica, Greece.

In ancient Greece, if a woman watched even one Olympic event, she was executed.

In 1948 four men attempted to take a cow to the top of the Matterhorn, a mountain in the Alps between Switzerland and Italy. They all froze to death, cow included.

The United States of America has more bagpipe bands than Scotland.

(Uncle John's Biggest Ever Bathroom Reader)

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Dates in History

- 1789** U.S. Congress established the Department of Foreign Affairs, now referred to as the State Department, on July 27th.
- 1815** The first U.S. natural gas well was discovered at Burning Springs near Charleston, West Virginia on July 9. Captain James Wilson, while drilling for salt brine, vowed he would drill to Hades if necessary. A large flow of gas was struck, ignited a huge flame and confirmed his vow.
- 1862** On July 12th, President Lincoln signed legislation establishing the Medal of Honor as the United States of America's highest and most prestigious personal military decoration. The medal recognizes U.S. military service members who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor.
- 1913** On July 19th, *Billboard* published the earliest known "Last Week's 10 Best Sellers among Popular Songs." The #1 song was "Malinda's Wedding Day," written by Joe Goodwin and Joe McCarthy.
- 1940** Bugs Bunny, the Warner Bros. cartoon character created by Tex Avery and Bob Givens (Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies series), debuted in "Wild Hare" on July 27th.
- 1992** Lynne Jolitz and William Jolitz released the 386BSD computer operating system on July 14th, starting the open-source operating system revolution. Linus Torvalds released "Linux" soon afterwards.

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On the Lighter Side

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Cows go.
Cows go who?
Cows go 'moo' not who.

What do you get when you cross Captain America with the Incredible Hulk?
A star-spangled Banner.

Which colonists told the most jokes?
Punsylvanians

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Wood Ant!
Wood Ant who?
Don't be afraid. Wood ant harm a fly.

What happened as a result of the Stamp Act?
The Americans licked the British!

When is a bicycle not a bicycle?
When it turns into a driveway.

Who was the biggest jokester in Washington's army?
Laughayette

What does the Statue of Liberty stand for?
It can't sit down.

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Sloth!
Sloth who?
I sloth my phone or I would've called.

Why couldn't Cinderella win the competition?
She had a pumpkin for a coach.

What was the most popular dance in 1776?
Indepen-dance.

(jokes4us.com)