

THURSDAY

**Which
social
network is
owned by
Microsoft?**

LinkedIn

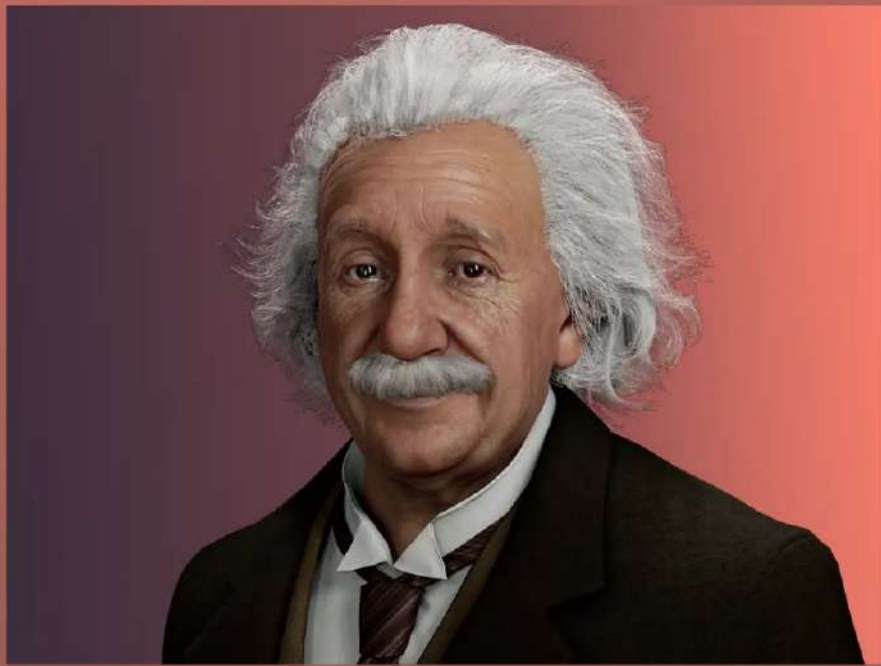
- LinkedIn is a platform for anyone who is looking to advance their career. This can include people from various professional backgrounds, such as small business owners, students, and job seekers. LinkedIn members can use LinkedIn to tap into a network of professionals, companies, and groups within and beyond their industry.



**YOU ARE
GOING TO
BE
AWESOME!**

Who said, "Creativity is intelligence having fun."?

- A. Albert Einstein
- B. Thomas Edison
- C. Steve Jobs



ALBERT EINSTEIN

March 14, 1879 – April 18, 1955

Born in Germany

Theoretical Physicist

Became a US Citizen in 1940

It's
Wednesday!

Who said, "Stopping advertising to
save money is like stopping your
watch to save time?"

A. Henry Ford B. Steve Jobs C. Jeff Bezos





Henry Ford |

THURSDAY

Which logo
is the most
current?



Pepsi Over the Years



1898



1905



1906



1940



1950



1962



1973



1991-92



1998



2003



TODAY



**YOU ARE
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BE
AWESOME!**

"In marketing I've seen only one strategy that can't miss - and that is to market to your best customers first, your best prospects second and the rest of the world last."



John Romero

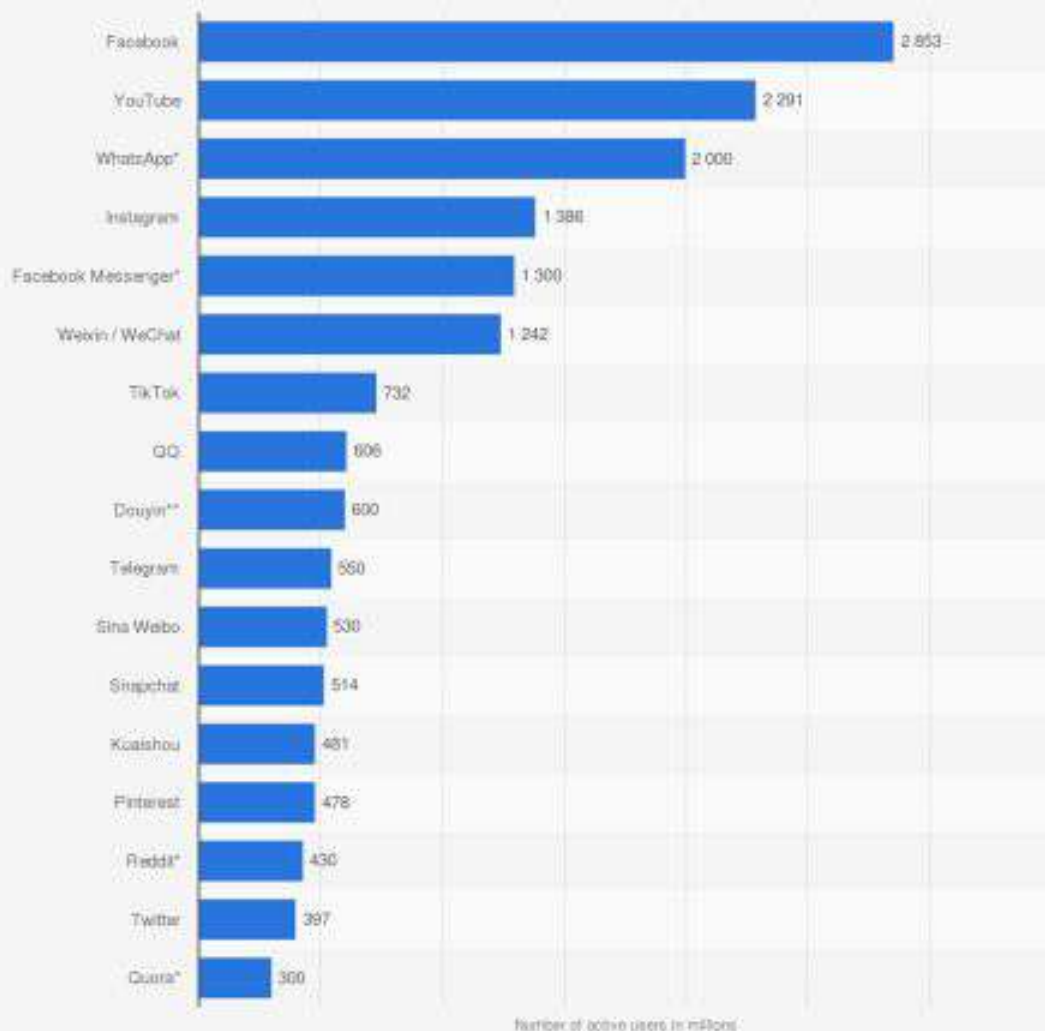
An American director, designer, programmer, and developer in the video game industry. He is best known as a co-founder of id Software and designer for many of their games, including Wolfenstein 3D, Dangerous Dave, Hexen, Doom, Doom II and Quake.

MONDAY

What are the three top
social media
platforms used?



Most Popular
Social Networks
Worldwide as of
July 2021,
ranked by
number of active
users



- 32% of people between ages 12-34 use Facebook
- 77% of people between ages 34-49 use Facebook
- 51% of people between ages 50-65 use Facebook
- 34% of people that are 65+ years old use Facebook
- 54% of Facebook users are female
- 46% of Facebook users are male
- 98.3% of Facebook users access it via mobile devices



TUESDAY HAPPY

**"THE SECRET TO
GETTING AHEAD IS
GETTING STARTED."
-MARK TWAIN**

It's
Wednesday !

In 2010, Google released this algorithm update to make sure its search results are up to date with current events.

What was it called?

2010 Google Algorithm

Google In Your Business Update

Google Caffeine Update

Google Jolt Update

Google Buzz Update

Google Up-To-Date Update

2010 Google Algorithm

Google Caffeine
Update

What were the names of other Google Updates?

Google Hummingbird Update

Google Penguin Update

Google Panda Update

Google Florida Update

Google Hilltop Algorithm Update


Google Possum Update

TUESDAY

IT'S NATIONAL
GET FUNKY DAY!

Get Funky

- The Registrar at National Day Calendar proclaimed National Get Funky Day to be observed annually beginning in 2017.
- Started by Funkytown Fitness to help people break free of their comfort zones and let loose for a fun and exciting day throughout the country.
- PS- It is also Ray Kroc's, Neil deGrasse Tyson's, and Kate Winslet's birthday.



Happy
Wednesday!

**Who set a World Series record
on October 6, 1926?**

Babe Ruth



On October 6, 1926, Yankee slugger Babe Ruth hits a record three homers against the St. Louis Cardinals in the fourth game of the World Series.

The Yanks won the game 10-5.

The Cardinals won the World Series in 1926. Go Redbirds!

In 1928, in the fourth game of another Yanks-Cards World Series, Ruth tied his own record, knocking three more pitches out of the same park.

Babe Ruth played 22 seasons.

He hit 714 MLB homeruns.

He struck out 488 times.

**HOW MANY DAYS UNTIL
HALLOWEEN, THANKSGIVING,
AND CHRISTMAS?**

FRIDAY

Halloween

23 Days

Thanksgiving

48 Days

Christmas

78 Days

Who won the Nobel Peace Prize on October 11, 2002?

NEW MONDAY

NEW WEEK

NEW GOAL

Former President Jimmy Carter

He was the 39th President of the United States, 1977-1981.

He was a peanut farmer from Georgia.

One of his key achievements as president was mediating the peace talks between Israel and Egypt in 1978.

Carter was the third US President to receive the award following Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. Barack Obama won in 2009.



TUESDAY

WHO IS REFERRED
TO AS THE
QUEEN OF SOUL?

Aretha Franklin

She started singing as a child at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

She was the first female performer to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

She had 77 Hot 100 entries, 17 top ten pop singles, 100 R&B entries, and 20 number one R&B singles.





**Happy
Wednesday!**

**I am an odd number. Take away a
letter and I become even. What
number am I?**

SEVEN



**Which company put
customer names on their
product to boost sales?**

Coca-Cola



Coca-Cola

The Share a Coke campaign began in Australia in 2011, when Coca-Cola personalized each bottle with the 150 most popular names in the country. Since then, the U.S. has followed suit, printing first names across the front of its bottles and cans in Coke's branded font. You can even order custom bottles on Coke's website to request things like nicknames and college logos.

Coke fans are regular buyers, and the company leaned into that sense of individual ownership with full force. Wondering what name you'll get out of the vending machine was a fun thrill in and of itself — even if it isn't yours, it encourages you to "share a Coke" with whomever's name is on the front.

I  FRIDAY

**IT'S
NATIONAL
WHAT DAY?**

October 15 is National Cheese Curd Day

Celebrate the velvety goodness of cheese curds!

Cheese Curds are unique, funky, snackable little pieces of yellow or white Wisconsin cheddar cheese. Many restaurants coat and deep-fry them to a golden brown. When you bite into one, first expect a warm buttery crunch on the outside. The next delicious taste will be an ooey-gooley burst of dairyland delicacy on the inside.

#NationalCheeseCurdDay to post on social media

FAQ Cheese Curd

Q. Are cheese curds always made from cheddar cheese?

A. Cheesemakers usually make cheese curds from cheddar cheese. However, if you're making homemade cheese curds, you can use mozzarella.

Q. Do cheese curds come in different flavors?

A. Yes! While some cheese curds are served as a deep-fried appetizer, others are available fresh. Try flavors like garlic and herb, jalapeno, or ranch, or bacon.

Q. What can I make with cheese curds?

A. Cheese curds are an integral ingredient in poutine. Another great way to enjoy cheese curds is by marinating them and adding them to a salad.

M  NDAY

Who said, "If you don't
have room to fail, you
don't have room to grow."?

Jonathan Mildenhall



**CEO of
TwentyFirstCenturyBrand, a
marketing consultancy firm.**

**While working for Airbnb in
2017, he was ranked 8th on
the world's most influential
CMOs by Forbes.**

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TUESDAY

WHICH NATIONAL CHAIN
OPENED THEIR FIRST
STORE IN DALLAS, TX ON
THIS DATE IN 1985?

Blockbuster

Blockbuster opened with some 8,000 tapes displayed on shelves around the store and a computerized check-out process.

They became the world's largest provider of in-home movies and game entertainment.

Founded by David Cook. He added three more stores in 1986. In 1987, he sold part of the business to Waste Management, Inc. Later that year, Cook left the company all together.

By 1988, Blockbuster had over 400 stores.

On September 23, 2010, the company filed for Chap. 11 bankruptcy.

The last store closed in 2014.

**Which Southern
Rock Band lost
three members to
a plane crash on
this day in 1977?**



**HAPPY
WEDNESDAY!**

Lynyrd Skynyrd

On October 20, 1977, during a flight from Greenville, South Carolina, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Lynyrd Skynyrd's tour plane crashed in a heavily wooded area of southeastern Mississippi during a failed emergency landing attempt, killing band-members Ronnie Van Zant, Steve Gaines and Cassie Gaines as well as the band's assistant road manager and the plane's pilot and co-pilot. 20 others survived the crash.

The adoption of the name "Lynyrd Skynyrd" was in honor of a high school gym teacher/nemesis named Leonard Skinner.

How is the band still able to tour without their lead singer?

THURSDAY

Today's national day is actually observed four times per year.

What is it?

Get to Know Your Customers Day

Reminds businesses to reach out to patrons and get to know them better.

Observed once each quarter (January, April, July, and October).

When businesses get to know your customers, you also get to know more about what you need to grow.

Ways of getting to know your customers include:

- Ask your customers questions.
- Use social media.
- Follow up on a purchase.
- Network with other businesses.

The next Get to Know Your Customers Day is January 20, 2022.

I  FRIDAY

**Which professional athlete
was stripped of his winning
titles on this day in 2012?**

Lance Armstrong

He was formally stripped of the seven Tour de France titles he won from 1999 to 2005 and banned for life from competitive cycling after being charged with systematically using illicit performance-enhancing drugs and blood transfusions as well as demanding that some of his Tour teammates dope in order to help him win races.



Lance Armstrong

Born in Texas in 1971

Became a professional cyclist in 1992

By 1996, was the number-one ranked rider in the world.

October 1996, he was diagnosed with Stage 3 testicular cancer, which spread to his lungs, brain, and abdomen.

In 1997, he joined the US Postal Service cycling team, and he established a cancer awareness foundation.

In 2004, launched the yellow Livestrong wristbands.

In July 1999, he won his first Tour de France. He won again in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

M NDAY

"I don't talk trash, I talk smack. They're totally different. Trash talk is hypothetical, like: Your mom is so fat she can eat the internet. But smack talk is happening like right now. Like: You're ugly and I know it for a fact 'cause I got the evidence right there."

Kelly Kapoor

Fictional Character on The Office played by Mindy Kaling

The Office ran for 9 seasons, 188 episodes

Mindy appeared in 158 episodes



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TUESDAY

WHICH GAME SHOW
HOST IS CELEBRATING
HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY
TODAY?

Patrick Leonard Sajdak

Wheel of Fortune, which debuted in 1975, became the longest-running syndicated game show on American television, turning Sajak and his co-host, Vanna White, into pop-culture icons.

He was born in Chicago.

Vietnam Veteran

After leaving the army, he became a TV Weatherman, and in 1981, he became the co-host of Wheel of Fortune.



**Which soft drink
was originally
created as a mixer
for bourbon?**



**HAPPY
WEDNESDAY!**



Created by Barney and Ally Harman in late 1930s.

Originally a slang term for moonshine.

Now marketed to gamers and extreme sport enthusiasts.



A rectangular wooden sign with a dark interior and a light-colored wooden frame is hanging from a string on a white brick wall. The word "THURSDAY" is written in white, serif, all-caps font on the dark interior of the sign.

THURSDAY

What are we
observing today as a
national day?

NATIONAL CHOCOLATE DAY

The background of the entire page is a high-quality photograph. It shows a dark chocolate bar with a grid pattern, partially broken into pieces. Scattered around the bar are several whole almonds and a fine dusting of cocoa powder. The lighting is warm and focused, creating a rich, indulgent atmosphere.

Celebrate all things chocolate like cookies, cakes, and candies.

Q. Besides white chocolate, how is cocoa butter used?

A. Cocoa butter is the processed fat from the cocoa bean. It is a necessary ingredient in both milk and white chocolate. However, skincare products also include cocoa butter. Its fatty acids are touted as good for your skin.

Q. Why do I need to temper my chocolate?

A. If you're making candy or chocolate-covered treats, tempering chocolate stabilizes it and creates a shiny, easy to use chocolate. The process requires the chocolate to be heated and then cooled and then reheated. It may seem time consuming, but for the prettiest creations, it's also the best process.

Q. Which chocolate holidays are coming up?

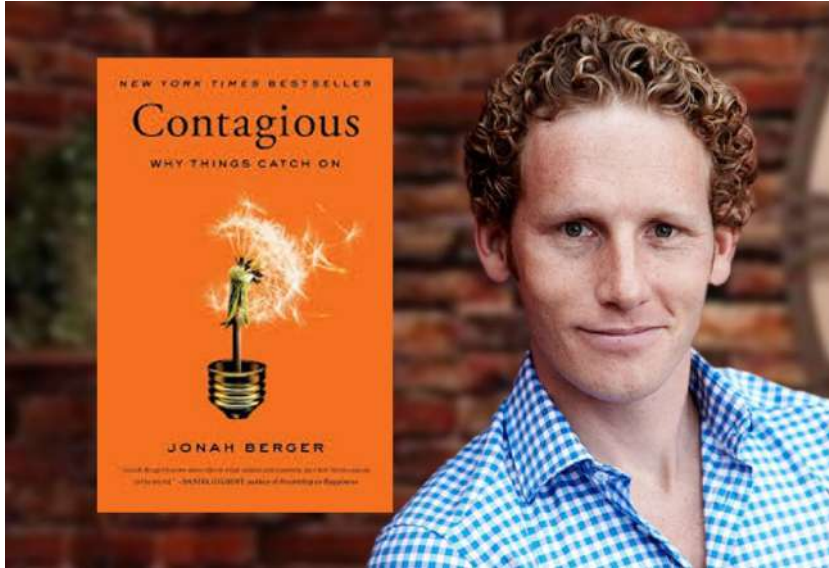
A. The calendar loves chocolate holidays. Chocolate celebrations coming up include:

- Bittersweet Chocolate With Almonds Day
- Chocolate Covered Anything Day
- Chocolate Candy Day

M NDAY

Who said, "Advertising brings in customers, but word-of-mouth brings in the best customers."?

Jonah Berger



Jonah Berger is a marketing professor at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and internationally bestselling author of *Contagious*, *Invisible Influence*, and *The Catalyst*.



T U E S D A Y

WHAT DID HOWARD
HUGHES DESIGN
AND TEST ON THIS
DAY IN 1947?

The Spruce Goose

The Hughes Flying Boat—at one time the largest aircraft ever built—was piloted by designer Howard Hughes on its first and only flight.

Built with laminated birch and spruce (hence the nickname the Spruce Goose) the massive wooden aircraft had a wingspan longer than a football field and was designed to carry more than 700 men to battle.

The US Government commissioned the Hughes Aircraft Company to build a large flying boat in 1941.

Wingspan was 320 feet and powered by eight giant propeller engines

It cost \$23 million to build, and took so long to complete, WWII was over.

Howard Hughes

Howard Hughes was a successful Hollywood movie producer when he founded the Hughes Aircraft Company in 1932.

He personally tested cutting-edge aircraft of his own design and in 1937 broke the transcontinental flight-time record.

In 1938, he flew around the world in a record three days, 19 hours, and 14 minutes.

Howard was a millionaire by the age 18.

His directorial debut, "Hell's Angels," was one of the most expensive movies of its time. (\$4 million)

Set an around-the-world flight record.

The Spruce Goose was only flown once.

Hughes was part of a CIA plot to recover a sunken Soviet submarine.

When a Vegas hotel tried to kick him out, he bought the place.

A planned Hughes autobiography turned out to be a hoax.

**Which former
professional
wrestler was
elected governor of
Minnesota on this
day in 1998?**



**HAPPY
WEDNESDAY!**

Jesse “The Body” Ventura



Jesse Ventura, Minnesota Governor

On November 3, 1998, former professional wrestler Jesse “The Body” Ventura is elected governor of Minnesota with 37 percent of the vote.



His opponents spent a total of \$4.3 million on their campaigns.

Ventura, the Reform-Party candidate, spent \$250,000—money he raised by selling \$22 t-shirts and accepting \$50 donations from his supporters.

His only political experience had been his years as mayor of Brooklyn Park, a suburb of Minneapolis, but his laid-back, straight-talking, libertarian approach to politics resonated with many Minnesotans—especially young men who had never voted before. “I voted for Jesse because he was the most honest,” one young constituent told a reporter for Newsweek. “If he doesn’t know something, he says he doesn’t know.”

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THURSDAY

What are we
observing today as a
national day?

It's National Candy Day!

What is your favorite candy?

Q. What is the oldest candy company in the United States?

A. The answer to this question is found in Salem, Massachusetts. The Ye Old Pepper Company started in 1806 when Mary Spencer arrived in Salem after a shipwreck. She began peddling a rock candy called "Salem Gibraltar" (incidentally the first candy sold commercially in the U.S.) from a church.

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friday!

**Who became the oldest
heavyweight champion on
November 5, 1994?**

George Foreman

At age 45, George Foreman became the oldest heavyweight champion when he defeated 26 year old Michael Moorer in the 10 round of their WBA fight in Las Vegas.

Moorer went into the fight with a 35-0 record.

Foreman was a high school dropout who joined the Jobs Corps work program.

He won the gold medal in boxing in the 1968 Olympics.

Won his first heavyweight championship in 1973.

In 1974, he lost to underdog, Muhammad Ali.

In 1977, George retired from boxing, but came back to win the championship in 1994 wearing red trunks.

MONDAY

Who said,
"Always go to other
people's funerals,
otherwise they
won't come to
yours."?

Yogi Berra

On November 8, 1951, Yankees catcher Yogi Berra (1925-2015) is voted the American League's most valuable player for the first time in his career.

He went on to be the league MVP twice more, in 1954 and 1955.

He'd been the Yanks' leading slugger, with 27 homers and 88 RBI—but he'd had a dramatic slump near the end of the year.

Other Yogi Quotes

Baseball is 90% mental and the other half is physical.

You don't have to swing hard to hit a home run. If you got the timing, it'll go.

Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets.

It ain't the heat, it's the humility.

I never blame myself when I'm not hitting. I just blame the bat and if it keeps up, I change bats. After all, if I know it isn't my fault that I'm not hitting, how can I get mad at myself?

I'm not going to buy my kids an encyclopedia. Let them walk to school like I did.

I can see how he (Sandy Koufax) won twenty-five games. What I don't understand is how he lost five.

You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might not get there.



TUESDAY

WHICH FAMOUS
COUNTRY SINGER OWED
THE IRS \$16.7 MILLION
ON NOVEMBER 9, 1990?

Willie Nelson

“As long as I got my guitar,”
Willie Nelson said, “I’ll be fine.”

Nelson did manage to retire his
debt to the federal government
by 1993.

The Essential **WILLIE NELSON**



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What beloved children's
tv show debuted on this
day in 1969?

Sesame Street

Became the most widely viewed children's program in the world. It has aired in more than 120 countries.

It was created to be both entertaining and educational and used TV as a way to help underprivileged 3-5 year olds prepare for kindergarten.

Joan Ganz Cooney created the show. She hired puppeteer Jim Henson to create a cast of characters including Bert and Ernie, Cookie Monster, Oscar the Grouch, Grover, and Big Bird.

Since its inception, over 80 million Americans have watched Sesame Street.

THURSDAY

**Why are banks and the
post office closed today?**

Veterans Day

Always on November 11.

Honors military veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Not to be confused with Armed Forces Day or Memorial Day.

Do you know a veteran?

If so, tell them thank you today.

Heroes Have Their Ways

Heroes have their ways.

Not mere mortal strength, instead
Steel burnished brightly.

Straight as lodge pole pine,
Agile, bending with the storm,
Righteous without pride.

Pure hearts, minds, bodies,
Sinewy in their beauty
Never lost for words.

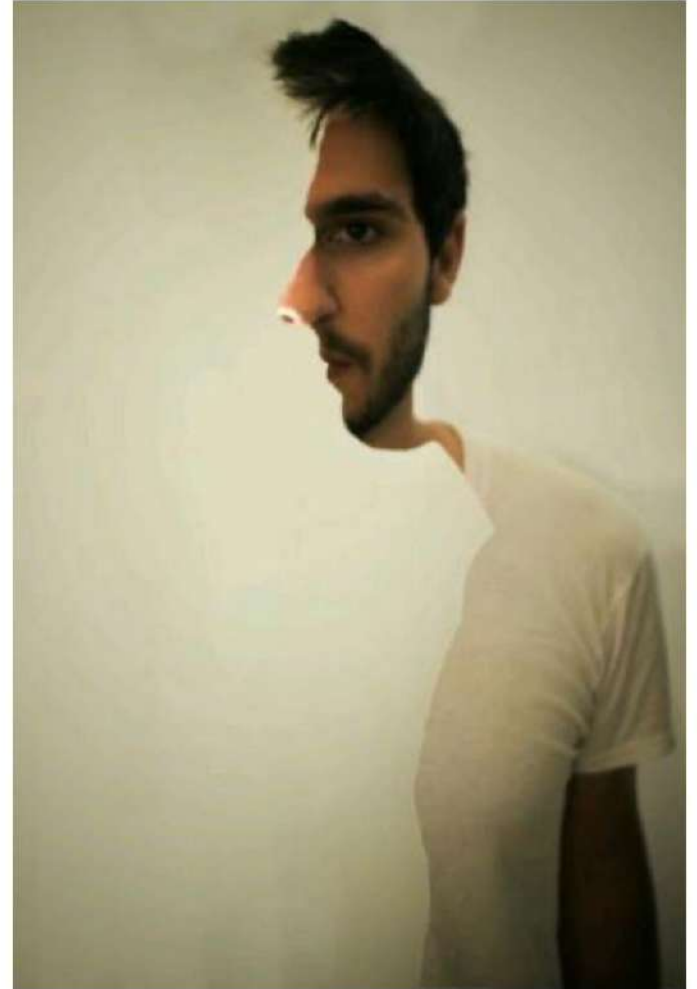
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**What do
you see?**



What do you see?

Do you see half of man?

Do you see a man's profile?

Who can see both?

Our perception can change how view things.

MONDAY

**Today, we raise
awareness for
the three Rs.
What is today?**

America Recycles Day

The day raises awareness about recycling and the purchasing of recycled products.

The U.S. recycles about 65% of its aluminum. That's more than any other recycled item.

In America, 105,800 cans are recycled every minute.

Your television can run for 3 hours from the energy saved by recycling one can.

In 2019, an aluminum can was worth about 1.7 cents.

The industry pays more than \$1 billion annually for recycled cans.

This day was created in 1997.

What are some things you can recycle?

**WHICH MOVIE
FRANCHISE OPENED
IN THEATERS ON
THIS DAY
IN 2001?**

Tuesday

Harry Potter

JK Rowling began authoring *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* in 1990.

It was turned down by multiple publishers before Bloomsbury Publishing accepted it in August 1996. It was released in Great Britain in 1997, and the US in 1998 as *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.



W E D N E S D A Y

**Who said, "Don't be
distracted by criticism.
Remember--the only taste of
success some people get is to
take a bite out of you."?**

Zig Ziglar



He wrote over 30 books. His first book, *See You at the Top*, was rejected 39 times before it was published. It is still in print today.

“Remember that failure is an event, not a person.”

“People often say motivation doesn’t last. Neither does bathing - that’s why we recommend it daily.”

“Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Capitalize on what comes.”

“Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude.”

THURSDAY

**Which industry created
time zones across the US
and Canada?**

Railroad

At exactly noon on this day (November 18, 1883), American and Canadian railroads begin using four continental time zones to end the confusion of dealing with thousands of local times. The bold move was emblematic of the power shared by the railroad companies.

Most Americans and Canadians quickly embraced their new time zones, since railroads were often their lifeblood and main link with the rest of the world. However, it was not until 1918 that Congress officially adopted the railroad time zones and put them under the supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission.



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**Today is Substitute
Educators Day!**

Thank Ms. Crouch for Being Here Today!

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, there were over 500,000 substitute teachers in 2020.

The observance aims to elevate the respect owed to substitute educators. It is also a way to advocate for substitutes at all levels of educations. The day also promotes being prepared for an absence at school and improving the receptiveness of substitute teachers.

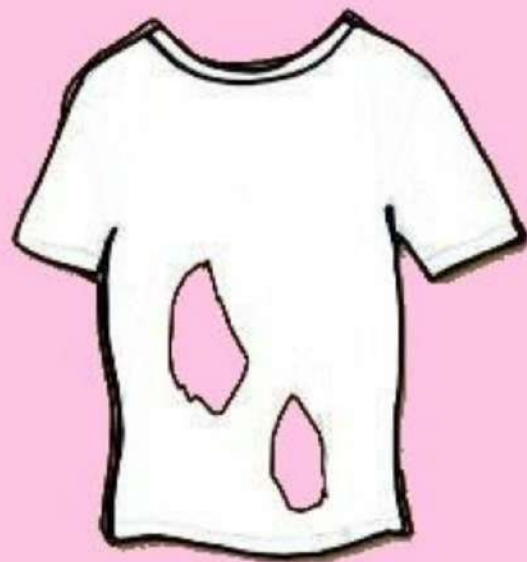
Substitute teachers come from every facet of life with experience in math, science, language arts, history, business, and more. Focusing on the continued progress of a classroom's education, these teachers play a vital role in maintaining high levels of education in every school system.

Happy Friday!



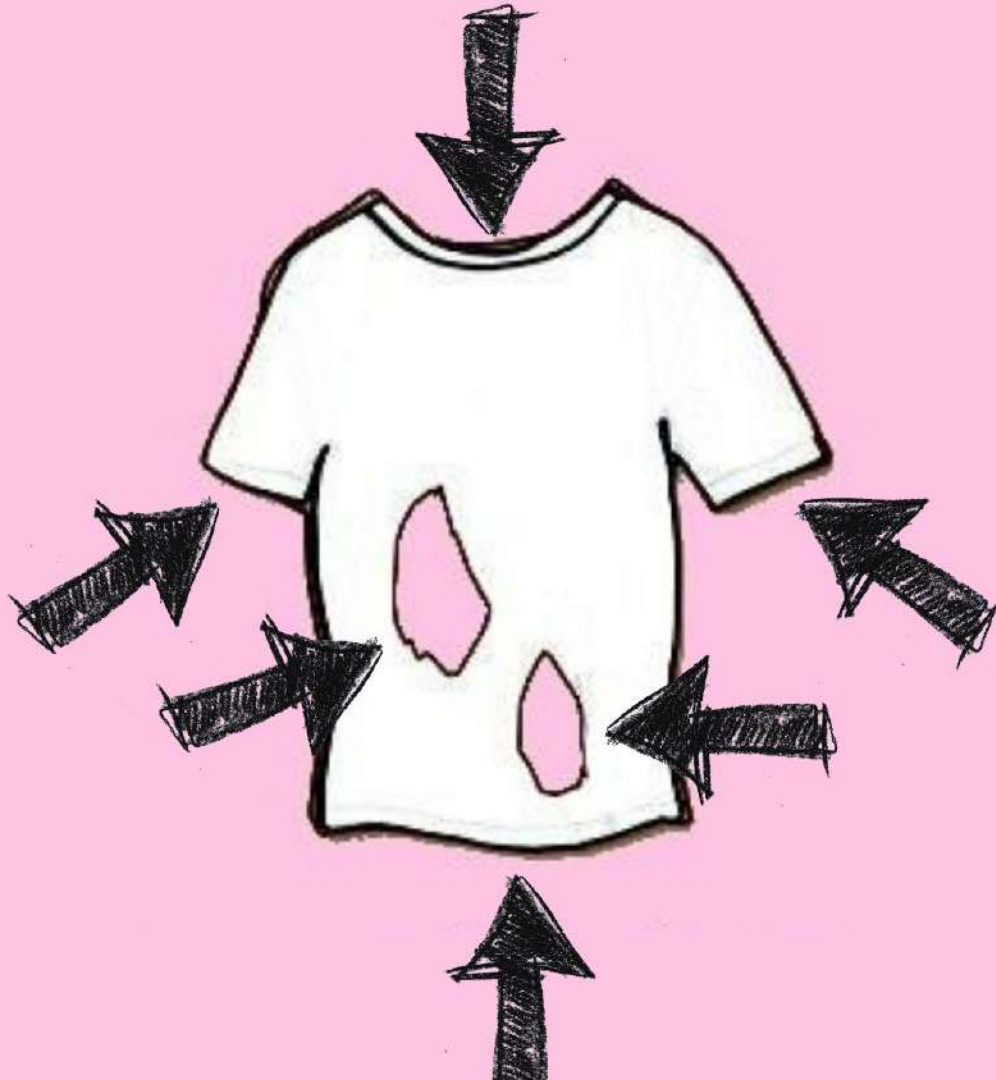
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How many holes



are in this shirt?

B



**WHAT IS THE
TUESDAY AFTER
THANKSGIVING
COMMONLY
KNOWN AS?**



Tuesday

National Day of Giving - #GivingTuesday

In 2012, 92nd Street Y in New York City created Day of Giving to bring focus to the charitable season in the wake of the commercialized Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Giving doesn't necessarily mean a monetary donation.

Help rake leaves | Run errands for someone who can't | Volunteer at a nonprofit organization | Donate blood | Donate gently used items | Visit elderly people in nursing facilities

W E D N E S D A Y

**WHAT HAPPENED ON
DECEMBER 1, 1955 IN
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
THAT IGNITED THE CIVIL
RIGHTS MOVEMENT?**

Rosa Parks

After a long Thursday at work, Rosa Parks boarded a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. She took her seat in the 'colored' section. As she rode the Cleveland Avenue bus home, the bus began to fill.

The Montgomery city ordinance allowed bus drivers to assign seating. However, it did not permit them to demand passengers give up their seats. Despite this, bus drivers customarily required black passengers to give up their seats to white passengers when public transportation became full.

Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on December 1, 1955, and she was arrested.

On December 5, 1955, the courts found her guilty of violating the city ordinance and fined her \$10 plus a court fee.

Rosa Parks

African American leaders, including E.D. Nixon and Martin Luther King, Jr. organized the Montgomery Bus Boycott for the date of Rosa Parks' trial.

The boycott lasted 381 days and successfully ended with the Montgomery buses being integrated.

Rosa Parks worked as a seamstress at a department store.

The bus driver asked a total of four passengers to give up their seats that day. Mrs. Parks was the only one who refused.

Rosa and her husband Raymond were both active in the Montgomery chapter of the NAACP.

THURSDAY

**Why should you always
wear rubber boots when
it's raining cats and dogs?**

Because you could step in a poodle!

Why was the dog sweating?

He was a hotdog!

What is a vampire's favorite breed of dog?

A bloodhound!

What's the quietest breed of dog?

A hush puppy!

Why all the dog jokes?

Today is National Mutt Day!

National Mutt Day encourages us to embrace, save and celebrate mixed breed dogs twice a year on July 31st and December 2nd.

Approximately 3.3 million dogs enter shelters every year.

The genetic makeup of a mutt includes 3 or more breeds. A crossbred animal is a cross between two purebred parents. Though one parent of a mutt may be purebred, the other parent was either a crossbreed or a mutt.

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**What kind of music
are balloons afraid of?**

Pop Music

Thought of the Day:

“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.” - Malala Yousafzai

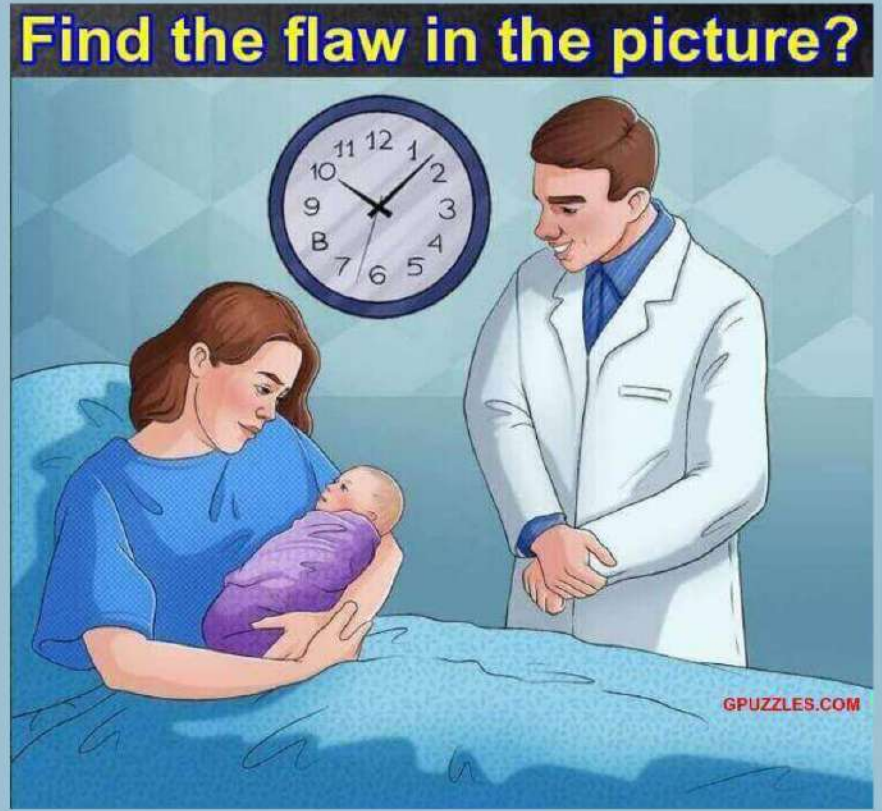
Random Fact of the Day:


When lightning strikes a sandy beach that is high in silica or quartz, it produces glass.

Journal Entry:

Which of your possessions would you never give away?

mon day





The clock has the letter B instead of the number 8.

TUESDAY

**WHO SAID, "YESTERDAY, DECEMBER 7,
1941 -- A DATE WHICH WILL LIVE IN
INFAMY -- THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA WAS SUDDENLY AND
DELIBERATELY ATTACKED BY NAVAL AND
AIR FORCES OF THE EMPIRE OF JAPAN,"?**

Franklin D. Roosevelt

At 7:55 a.m. Hawaii time, a Japanese dive bomber bearing the red symbol of the Rising Sun of Japan on its wings appears out of the clouds above the island of Oahu.

A swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes followed, descending on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a ferocious assault.

At 7:02 a.m., two radar operators spotted large groups of aircraft in flight toward the island from the north, but, with a flight of B-17s expected from the United States at the time, they were told to sound no alarm. Thus, the Japanese air assault came as a devastating surprise to the naval base.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Much of the Pacific fleet was rendered useless: Five of eight battleships, three destroyers, and seven other ships were sunk or severely damaged, and more than 200 aircraft were destroyed.

A total of 2,400 Americans were killed and 1,200 were wounded, many while valiantly attempting to repulse the attack.

Japan's losses were some 30 planes, five midget submarines, and fewer than 100 men. Fortunately for the United States, all three Pacific fleet carriers were out at sea on training maneuvers.

W E D N E S D A Y

**WHAT SHOULD YOU
PRETEND TO BE TODAY?**

It's Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day!

Television Shows about Time Travel:

Doctor Who, Quantum Leap, Outlander, Voyagers!, The Time Tunnel, Tru Calling, Continuum, 11.22.63, and Fringe

Books about Time Travel:

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle, The Time Machine by H.G. Wells, The Magic Treehouse series by Mary Pope Osborne, A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain, The Restaurant at the End of the Universe by Douglas Adams, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowling, and The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger

Movies about Time Travel:

Groundhog Day, Back to the Future, The Terminator, Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure, Midnight in Paris, Edge of Tomorrow, About Time, and Peggy Sue Got Married

THURSDAY

**Which team won the 1934
NFL championship
in the famous
"Sneakers Game?"**

New York Giants beat Chicago Bears in 'Sneakers Game'

The Giants won the game with the score being 30-13.

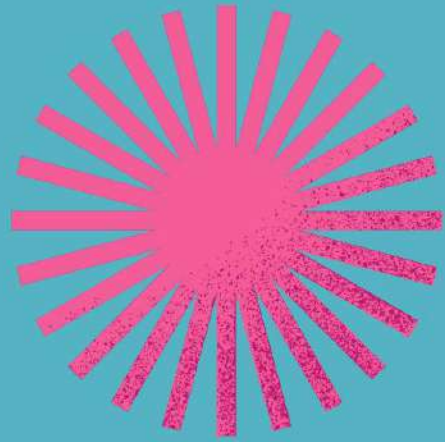
The temperature was 9 degrees at Polo Grounds, and the field was a sheet of ice.

At half time, the Bears were winning 13-3. The Giants scored 27 points in the fourth quarter.

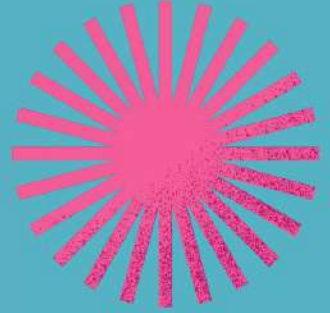
During the game, they sent someone to get basketball sneakers as their cleats would not hold.

"Right away, we sensed something was wrong because they had good footing," Bears legend Bronko Nagurski told NFL Films decades later, "and we didn't have good footing... they just outsmarted us I guess. It was legal."

In 1956, New York beat Chicago again in the NFL Championship Game. Again, the Giants wore sneakers to adjust to the field conditions.



**HAPPY
FRIDAY!**



**Who said, "The way I see it,
if you want the rainbow, you
gotta put up with the rain?"**

Dolly Parton

Dolly owns more than 300 wigs.

She has been married over 50 years to her husband, Carl Dean.

She has two Guinness World Records: Most Decades with a Top 20 Hit on the US Hot Country Songs Chart, and Most Hits on US Hot Country Songs Chart by a Female Artist.

She was one of 12 children, her family's home did not have electricity or running water. Today, she has a net worth of \$600 million.

She founded Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in 1995 as a tribute to her father, who was illiterate. The Imagination Library has mailed over 130 million books.

monday

**IN WHAT YEAR WERE
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
USED ON TREES?**

1882

The string of Christmas lights we know today were invented by Thomas Edison and Edward Hibberd Johnson from New York City in 1882.

Setting up a tree by the street-side window of his parlor, Johnson hand-wired 80 red, white and blue light bulbs and strung them together around it, and placed the trunk on a revolving pedestal, all powered by a generator.

“At the rear of the beautiful parlors, was a large Christmas tree presenting a most picturesque and uncanny aspect,” wrote W.A. Croffut, a veteran writer for the Detroit Post and Tribune. “It was brilliantly lighted with...eighty lights in all encased in these dainty glass eggs, and about equally divided between white, red and blue....One can hardly imagine anything prettier.”

1882

Before electric lights, people would use candles. There were attached to the tree using wax or pins.

The practice began in Germany during the 17th century (1600s).

It was done to bring illumination to the ornaments that were placed on the tree.

The first White House tree to have electric lights was in 1895 with President Cleveland.

Outdoor Christmas lights began in 1927.



Tuesday!

**IF SANTA'S FIVE ELVES CAN TAKE FIVE
MINUTES TO MAKE FIVE DOLLS, THEN
HOW LONG WILL 100 ELVES NEED TO
MAKE 100 DOLLS?**



Only Five
Minutes!

W E D N E S D A Y

Which Christmas song
was the first song ever
broadcast on radio?

O Holy Night

A Canadian inventor named Reginald Fessenden created the first audio broadcast in 1906. He read passages from the Bible and played "O Holy Night" on the violin.

Which Christmas carol is also the third best-selling single in world history?

Silent Night

"Jingle Bells" was originally written for which holiday?

Thanksgiving

Which Christmas song was also the first song ever broadcast from space?

Jingle Bells

The day after "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" debuted on a radio show, how many orders for the sheet music were received?

100,000

Which song is the most-published Christmas song in North America?

Joy to the World

THURSDAY

What is the
highest grossing
Christmas film?

The Grinch

Released in 2018, \$511,595,957

Home Alone, 1990, \$476,700,000

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas, 2000, \$345,141,403

A Christmas Carol, 2009, \$325,286,646

The Polar Express, 2004, \$314,215,454

Elf, 2003, \$220,885,524

The Holiday, 2006, \$205,135,175

The Santa Clause, 1994, \$189,833,357

The Nutcracker and the Four Realms, 2018, \$173,961,069

The Santa Clause 2, 2002, \$172,855,065





**HAPPY
FRIDAY!**



**This National Day is celebrated
with parties and contests all
over the world. What is it?**

NATIONAL UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY

Q. What is the most common type of ugly sweater?

A. Sweaters come in a variety of styles, but the pullover sweater is most commonly worn for an ugly sweater event. Pullover sweatshirts are also used. A third type of sweater worn for Ugly Christmas Sweater Day is a sweater vest. Incidentally, the sweater vest has its own day called International Sweater Vestival.

Q. How do I win an ugly sweater contest?

A. Well, for those who are the competitive type, it's important to be creative. You can shop for an ugly sweater, but then you face the risk of your neighbor showing up in the same sweater.

NATIONAL UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY

Here are a few ways to make your sweater be a winner:

Light it up.

Add accessories.

Get punny.

Use faux fur to create a fur tree design.

Start with an ugly base.

Turn to pop culture.

Use your sweater to honor your favorite Christmas movie, song, actor, or book.

TUESDAY

What board game was introduced in 1981 and peaked in 1984 with over 20 million games sold?

Trivial Pursuit

The game was actually created on December 15, 1979.

The design of the game board is based off of a ship's wheel.

Over 100 million copies of the game have been sold in 26 countries in over 17 languages.

The original game had 6,000 questions printed on 1,000 cards.

Today, January 4, is National Trivia Day.



THERE IS ONLY ONE
WORD SPELLED
WRONG IN THE
DICTIONARY.
WHAT IS IT?

W-R-O-N-G

What is a bunny's favorite kind of music?

Hip hop music

What begins with T, finishes with T, and has T in it?

A teapot

What belongs to you, but other people use more?

Your name

What is full of holes but still holds water?

A sponge

THURSDAY

**WHAT FORM OF
COMMUNICATION WAS
DEMONSTRATED ON THIS
DAY IN 1838?**

Hint: -- --- .-. -.-. --- -.. .

Samuel Morse unveils the telegraph, revolutionizing communication.

Samuel Morse's telegraph system is demonstrated for the first time at the Speedwell Iron Works in Morristown, New Jersey.

The telegraph, a device which used electric impulses to transmit encoded messages over a wire, would eventually revolutionize long-distance communication, reaching the height of its popularity in the 1920s and 1930s.

In May 1844, Morse sent the first official telegram over the line, with the message: "What hath God wrought!"

The Telegraph

In 1933, Western Union introduced singing telegrams.

During World War II, Americans came to dread the sight of Western Union couriers because the military used telegrams to inform families about soldiers' deaths.

Over the course of the 20th century, telegraph messages were largely replaced by cheap long-distance phone service, faxes and email. Western Union delivered its final telegram in January 2006.

T G I F

**Who said, "I like
criticism. It makes you
strong."?**

LeBron James

He missed over 80 days of fourth grade, but he didn't miss a single day of fifth grade.

He made the cover of Sports Illustrated as a high school junior.

He was on the path to play pro football, but he broke his wrist the summer before his senior year of high school.

He was the first black man on the cover of Vogue. Only two other men have ever been on the cover before James: Richard Gere and George Clooney.

He married his high school sweetheart, Savannah Brinson.

MONDAY



WHO SAID?

**"SOME PEOPLE WANT IT
TO HAPPEN. SOME WISH
IT WOULD HAPPEN.
OTHERS MAKE IT HAPPEN."**

Michael Jordan

Joke of the day: What do you call a pile of kittens?

A Meowtain

Random fact of the day:

Jellyfish evaporated in the sun. They are 98% water.

Journal Entry Idea:

Invent a superhero. Describe what its powers are and why it would be a good superhero.

TUESDAY

Who was the first
person to fly solo from
Hawaii to California?

Amelia Earhart

The flight took place on January 11, 1935.

The flight was 2,400 miles, and she flew it in 18 hours.

On May 21, 1932, she became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. She was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross by the U.S. Congress.

She was part of a three-person crew in 1928, and became the first woman to cross the Atlantic in an aircraft.

She attempted to fly around the world with navigator Frederick J. Noonan in 1937, but her plane was lost on July 2, somewhere between New Guinea and Howland Island in the South Pacific.

Radio operators picked up a signal that she was low on fuel - the last trace the world would ever know of Amelia Earhart.



WHEN MY FATHER
WAS 31, I WAS 8. NOW
HE IS TWICE AS OLD
AS ME.
HOW OLD AM I?

23

THURSDAY

WHAT CHEW TOY FOR
CHILDREN DO WE
CELEBRATE AND
RECOGNIZE TODAY?

Today Is National Rubber Ducky Day!

According to a 1973 Sesame Street calendar, Rubber Duckie's Birthday is January 13th so around the country it's National Rubber Ducky Day! A friend of Ernie and Big Bird, Duckie made his debut in a February 1970 episode.

While the origin of the first rubber ducky is uncertain, many rubber molded toys came about when rubber manufacturing developed in the late 1800s. They produced a variety of toys from dolls and various animal shapes, including the rubber duck.

In 1928, Landon Smart Lawrence received the earliest patent for a rubber duck toy. His clever design weighted the toy so that when it tipped it returned to an upright position. The sketch included with the patent was that of a duck.

Russian Sculptor Peter Ganine sculpted many animal figures. One, a duck, he later designed and patented into a floating toy that closely resembles the rubber ducky we have become familiar with today.

The rubber ducky became a Toy Hall of Fame inductee in 2013. Founded in 1998, the Hall of Fame has only inducted 52 other toys.

Today Is National Rubber Ducky Day!

What is the world's largest rubber duck?

Mama Duck is the world's largest inflatable rubber duck. At six stories tall and weighing 30,000 pounds, the big yellow duck makes quite a splash. Owned by Big Duck LLC, Mama Duck and her baby duck travel to waterfront festivals across the country.

Who has the world's largest rubber duck collection?

According to Guinness World Records, American Charlotte Lee owns the world's largest collection of rubber ducks. In 2011, her collection comprised 5,631 rubber ducks.

T G I F

**Who was the first African
American to be elected
governor of an American state?**

Douglas Wilder, Gov. of VA, 1990

Born in 1931 in Church Hill, a poor and segregated neighborhood of Richmond, Wilder is the grandson of slaves and is named for Frederick Douglass.

He graduated from Richmond's Virginia Union University in 1951.

He fought in the Korean War, earning a Bronze Star, before studying law at Howard University and returning to Richmond to practice.

Wilder entered politics by way of a special election to the State Senate in 1969, becoming the state's first African American state senator since Reconstruction.

In 1986, Wilder became the first African American to win a statewide election in Virginia when he was elected Lieutenant Governor. Four years later, in an extremely narrow race that triggered an automatic recount, he was elected Governor.



WHICH STATE WAS THE
FIRST TO BAN
CYBERSTALKING, OR
STALKING THAT
INVOLVES ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATIONS?

California

When did California ban cyberstalking?

January 1, 1999

Three weeks after the law against cyberstalking was passed, Gary Dellapenta was charged with using the Internet to solicit the rape of a woman who had rejected his advances.

He placed ads in her name that claimed she had rape fantasies and provided her address and instructions for disarming her security system.

He was caught when the victim's father pretended to respond to the ads and traced their origin.

In April, 1999, Dellapenta pleaded guilty to one count of stalking and three counts of solicitation of sexual assault and received a six-year prison sentence.

**M
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**HOW CAN YOU BRIGHTEN
SOMEONE'S DAY OR GIVE
CREDIT TO SOMEONE
FOR A JOB WELL DONE?**

Give a Compliment - It's National Compliment Day

Give an extra compliment annually on January 24th and any time one is deserved.

A compliment has a powerful effect. It can instill confidence in a child, or validate someone's hard work.

A compliment not only improves the receiver's mood, but it also says something about the giver. It tells them you noticed.

To give a great compliment, first be sincere. People have a way of knowing when we are fake. If you don't mean it, it's worse than getting a thoughtless birthday gift.

Complimenting character versus a new haircut are different rewards. The first says you respect the person and the other tells them you paid attention. Sometimes the receiver needs to hear one or the other, or both.

TUESDAY

***HOW MANY VACATION DAYS
DO AMERICANS LEAVE
UNUSED EACH YEAR?***

More than 600 Million Days!

Today is National Plan for Vacation Day

With the frigid temperatures, it's easy to start daydreaming of sunny skies. Who else is dreaming of sandcastles and the vacation days to come? But, for many Americans, those vacation dreams turn out to be just that: a dream.

National Plan for Vacation Day reminds us to plan our vacation at the start of the year for the rest of the year. When it comes to taking a vacation, it is the planners of the world who get the job done.

Determine how much time off you earn. Look up the number of vacation days you earn by checking with your finance or HR team. Don't forget to make a note of any office closures.

Coordinate calendars.

Share your plans. Once you have your days determined, share with your boss, co-workers, and family.

Take your vacation

What is a stay-cation?

Stay-cation is a vacation you take but you stay home during your time off. You may choose to work on projects that you find enjoyable, sleep in, or tour your cities sights. It's an excellent opportunity to pamper yourself. Sometimes these stay-cations or simply a long weekend. Other times, they incorporate some serious time off.

Can I plan a stay-cation on National Plan for Vacation Day?

Yes! Even though a stay-cation may be less detailed than a get-away vacation, it still requires planning. You'll need to request time off from work. Schedule lunch dates with friends and family. Check the hours of the local museums, book stores, and historical sights. Either way, get planning!



THE LONGEST-HELD
POW IN US
HISTORY WAS
HELD CAPTIVE FOR
HOW LONG?

Ten Days Short of Nine Full Years

On March 26, 1964, the observation plane (an L-19/O-1 Bird Dog) flown by Captain Richard L. Whitesides and U.S. Army Special Forces Captain Floyd J. Thompson was downed by small arms fire.

Thompson spent the next nine years as a prisoner of war, first at the hands of the Viet Cong; he was later moved to the Hanoi prison system.

During his captivity, he was tortured and starved, and suffered the mental anguish of being isolated from other US POWs. At one point, Thompson did not speak to another American for over five years.

He was released in mid-March, 1973 in Operation Homecoming.

Captain Floyd J. Thompson

During his retirement speech, he said, “The Army has been my life and I am proud of each of my twenty-five years of service. Of those 25 years, I spent nine as prisoner of war. Those days were grim, and survival was a struggle. I was able to withstand that long agony because I never lost my determination to live—no matter how painful that became—because I love my country and never lost faith in her, and because I had dreams of what my life would be like upon my return to America. Those dreams were always, unquestionably, of a life that was Army. I found that the dream of continued service gave me a goal that helped me survive my years as a POW.”

TTHURSDAY

WOULD YOU RATHER BE
ONE INCH TALL OR 100
FEET TALL?

There's no right or wrong answer!

Is there a place you have been to you never want to go to again?

What is one thing you want to accomplish one year from now?

What is your biggest personality trait?

Which type of jelly/jam does peanut butter prefer to be sandwiched with?

If you woke up today with the ability to fly, where would you fly to?

T G I F

**What invention lets
you look right
through a wall?**

A Window

Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?

Nothing

A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?

The third room, because those lions haven't eaten in three years, so they are dead.

During what month do people sleep the least?

February, because it is the shortest month.

M
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**WHAT WAS THE
INITIAL USE OF
BUBBLE
WRAP?**

Wallpaper

Marc Chavannes and Alfred Fielding first sealed two shower curtains together in 1956 in the town of Hawthorne, New Jersey.

When sales for the wallpaper never materialized, they moved to sell the product as greenhouse insulation.

The product was originally named Air Cap and produced by the Sealed Air Corporation which was founded in 1960.

In 1961, the product evolved into the Bubble Wrap we know today when it protected IBM's 1401 computer when it started shipping. Sealed Air Corporation trademarked Bubble Wrap and has been filling shipping needs ever since.

Bubble Wrap

Are there different sizes of bubble wrap?

Yes. Bubble wrap comes in a variety of thicknesses and bubble sizes. Bubble sizes range from 3/8-inch in diameter to 1/14-inch in diameter.

Are there other inventions like bubble wrap created for one purpose and now have another purpose?

Yes. Play-Doh was originally created to clean wallpaper and did a pretty good job, too.

Is bubble wrap reusable?

Yes! If you don't have a use for the bubble wrap you receive in packages, donate it to a local business. Many businesses use bubble wrap when shipping products to their customers. Donating your bubble wrap and other packaging materials to small businesses is a great way to make sure it gets reused and doesn't end up in the landfill.

TUESDAY

IN A ONE-STORY PINK HOUSE, THERE WAS A PINK
PERSON, A PINK CAT, A PINK FISH, A PINK
COMPUTER, A PINK CHAIR, A PINK TABLE, A PINK
TELEPHONE, A PINK SHOWER — EVERYTHING
WAS PINK! WHAT COLOR WERE THE STAIRS?

There weren't any stairs, it was a one-story house.

You are driving a bus. At the first stop, two women get on. At the second stop, three men get on, and one woman gets off. At the third stop, three kids and their mom get on, and a man gets off. The bus is grey, and it is raining outside. What color is the bus driver's hair?

Whatever color your hair is! Remember, you are the bus driver!

What can you hold without ever touching or using your hands?

Your breath!

A man left home running. He ran away and then turned left, ran the same distance, and turned left again, ran the same distance, and turned left again. When he got home, there were two masked men. Who were they?

The catcher and the umpire.

THERE WILL BE SIX MORE
WEEKS OF WINTER IF THIS
ANIMAL SEES HIS SHADOW
TODAY. WHAT ANIMAL?



W E D N E S D A Y

Groundhog

The day is celebrated each year in the United States and Canada.

Traditionally the groundhog awakens from his nap for a nice welcomed break during the winter to see if he can see his shadow. Many believe if the groundhog sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. If this is so, he retreats into his den and goes back to sleep.

However, if he does not see his shadow, the groundhog remains outside to play, and people celebrate, believing spring is just around the corner.

Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, has hosted the annual Groundhog day event. Thousands of people come to the town of Punxsutawney on Groundhog Day for this day of celebration.

MNDAY



**WHICH KING IN
A DECK OF CARDS
DOES NOT HAVE
A MUSTACHE?**

King of Hearts



The Other Kings



King of Spades



King of Diamonds



King of Clubs

TUESDAY

A MAGICIAN WAS BOASTING ONE DAY AT HOW LONG HE COULD HOLD HIS BREATH UNDER WATER. HIS RECORD WAS 6 MINUTES. A KID THAT WAS LISTENING SAID, "THAT'S NOTHING. I CAN STAY UNDER WATER FOR 10 MINUTES USING NO TYPES OF EQUIPMENT OR AIR POCKETS!" THE MAGICIAN TOLD THE KID IF HE COULD DO THAT, HE'D GIVE HIM \$10,000. THE KID DID IT AND WON THE MONEY. CAN YOU FIGURE OUT HOW?

It's tricky!

**The kid filled a glass of water
and held it over his head for
10 minutes.**

WHAT IS THE
NATIONAL ANIMAL
OF SCOTLAND?



WEDNESDAY

Unicorn

It was apparently chosen because of its connection with dominance and chivalry as well as purity and innocence in Celtic mythology.

Unicorns do not have wings.

When a unicorn has wings, they are called Pegasi.

Their horns have powers to heal wounds and sickness and to neutralize poison.

Unicorns love eating rainbows.

If you touch a pure White Unicorn, you will find happiness forever.

TTHURSDAY

WHICH COST MORE:
BUILDING THE TITANIC OR
MAKING THE MOVIE
TITANIC?

The Movie

How much did it cost to make the movie Titanic?

\$200 million

How much did it cost to make the Titanic?

\$7 million

With inflation, that would be approximately \$45 million today

T G I F

**Which iconic pop
star died on
February 11, 2012?**

Whitney Houston

She was born on August 9, 1963 in Newark New Jersey.

Whitney was one of the world's top-selling singers from the mid-1980s to late 1990s.

The 48-year-old pop diva, known for her soaring voice, won a total of six Grammy Awards and 22 American Music Awards (more than any other female), and was credited with influencing several generations of singers, from Mariah Carey to Jennifer Hudson.

Her death was the result of accidental drowning; heart disease and cocaine, which was found in her system, were determined to be contributing factors.



The image features a light gray background with numerous red hearts scattered across it. Some hearts are solid red, while others are red outlines. They are of various sizes and orientations, creating a festive, Valentine's Day-themed border around the central text.

**HOW MANY
ROSES ARE
GROWN FOR
VALENTINE'S DAY?**

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224 Million

How many heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold for Valentine's Day?

36 Million

How many Valentine's Day cards are sent each year in the US?

190 Million

What does the average US consumer spend on Valentine's Day gifts, meals, and entertainment?

\$116.21

TUESDAY

**IF YOU HAD TO PICK A NEW NAME
FOR YOURSELF, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

Monica

Monica means solitary or to advise

Monica Lewinsky is the most famous real Monica. Made famous by her affair with President Bill Clinton.

Monica Geller is the most famous fictitious Monica. From Friends, played by Courteney Cox.

**HOW MANY GLASSES OF
MILK DOES A COW GIVE
IN HER LIFETIME?**



WEDNESDAY

200,000

1,600,000 ounces

47,317.6473 liters

12,500 gallons



Milk

Frogs were put in milk to keep it from going sour.

Drinking whole milk over low-fat milk helps you avoid gaining weight.

Milk can be made into bioplastic

PA made it illegal to use milk crates for anything other than milk.

Milk was considered 'food of the gods' in ancient cultures.



Milk

Milk is a great post-workout recovery drink.

Milk provides exceptional hydration.

Milk is the official state beverage of 21 states.

Milk is one of the most nutritionally-dense foods on the planet.

Almost all milk produced today comes from family farms.



TUESDAY

**WHAT ARE CAMEL HUMPS
FILLED WITH?**

Fat

A camel's hump does not hold water at all – it actually stores fat. The camel uses it as nourishment when food is scarce. If a camel uses the fat inside the hump, the hump will become limp and droop down.

<https://www.britannica.com/story/do-camels-store-water-in-their-humps>

Who thinks this question should have been asked on a Wednesday?

**HOW FAST WAS THE FIRST
PERSON CONVICTED OF
SPEEDING GOING?**



WEDNESDAY

Eight Miles Per Hour

The first person to be charged with speeding was Walter Arnold of English village of Paddock Wood, Kent.

January 28, 1896, he was spotted going four times the speed limit in his Benz.

The constable had to chase him down on his bicycle.

He was taken to the Tonbridge police court where he faced three additional charges of using a locomotive without a horse, having fewer than three people in charge of the vehicle and for not having his name and address on the vehicle.

As well as breaking the speed limit, Mr Arnold failed to have a man with a red flag walking ahead of the carriage which was required after the Red Flag Act of 1885.

Don't Speed

He was fined 4 Pounds, 7 Shillings

That is equivalent to about \$6.

In today's standards, that would be \$200.82.



**WHAT
CELEBRATED TV
SITCOM AIRED ITS
FINAL EPISODE ON
THIS DATE IN
1983?**

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M*A*S*H

It aired for 11 seasons on CBS.

M*A*S*H stands for Mobile Army Surgical Hospital.

The show is set near Korea behind the American front lines during the Korean war.

The final episode was a two-and-a-half hour episode watched by 77% of the television viewing audience. It was the largest percentage ever to watch a single TV show up to that time.

TUESDAY

HOW MANY PEANUTS DOES IT
TAKE TO MAKE A 12 OZ JAR
OF PEANUT BUTTER?



540

Today is National Peanut Butter Lover's Day

C.H. Sumner first sold peanut butter in the United States at the Universal Exposition in St. Louis in 1904. He sold \$705.11 of the "new treat" at his concession stand.

Reese's Peanut Butter Cup was introduced to America in 1928.

The oldest operating manufacturer and seller of peanut butter has been selling peanut butter since 1898.

Mr. Ed TV's used peanut butter as a secret ingredient to get a horse talking.

Americans spend almost \$800 million a year on peanut butter.

WEDNESDAY

**WHICH ACCLAIMED
AUTHOR HAS A STAR
ON THE HOLLYWOOD
WALK OF FAME?**

Dr. Seuss

He was born on March 2, 1904, and he died September 24, 1991.

The Hollywood star was awarded posthumously in 2004, and is located near 6600 Hollywood Blvd.

He wrote and illustrated 47 children's books before his death.

Dr. Seuss reportedly pretended to have a daughter named Chrysanthemum-Pearl.

He wrote for an ad agency.

In 1960, "Green Eggs and Ham" was reportedly published after Dr. Seuss's publisher bet him that he couldn't write a book with 50 or fewer words.

He won a Pulitzer Prize for his established body of works.

Dr. Seuss won two Oscars and two Emmys in his lifetime.

<https://www.seussville.com/video/green-eggs-and-ham-and-other-favorites/>

T **THURSDAY**

**WHO SAID, "KNOWLEDGE
SPEAKS, BUT WISDOM
LISTENS."?**

Jimi Hendrix

November 27th, 1942 – September 18, 1970.

Born Johnny Allen Hendrix and was later renamed James Marshall by his father, James “Al” Hendrix.

He pioneered the explosive possibilities of the electric guitar. His innovative style of combining fuzz, feedback and controlled distortion created a new musical form.

Because he was unable to read or write music, it is nothing short of remarkable that Jimi Hendrix’s meteoric rise in the music took place in just four short years.

He was only 27 years old when he died.

T G I F

Who said, "The best way to cheer yourself up is try and cheer someone else up."?

Mark Twain

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, November 30, 1835-April 21, 1910

He is best known for writing “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer” and “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.”

He was the sixth child, and was born two months prematurely and was in relatively poor health for the first 10 years of his life.

When Jane Clemens (his mother) was in her 80s, Clemens asked her about his poor health in those early years: “I suppose that during that whole time you were uneasy about me?” “Yes, the whole time,” she answered. “Afraid I wouldn’t live?” “No,” she said, “afraid you would.”

**HOW MANY
WAYS ARE
THERE TO MAKE
CHANGE FOR
ONE DOLLAR?**

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Four quarters

10 dimes

20 nickels

100 pennies

Three quarters, two dimes, and one nickel

Two quarters and five dimes

Two quarters and 50 pennies

Can you name all of them?

TUESDAY

**WHAT SHOW PREMIERED ON
MTV ON MARCH 8, 1993?**

Beavis and Butt-Head

It became the network's highest-rated series up to that point.

Offered audiences rude and crude buddy humor in the tradition of the The Three Stooges, Cheech and Chong, and Wayne and Garth.

Two teenage boys who attended Highland High, but spent most of their time eating junk food, talking about girls, and watching music videos.

Created by Mike Judge. He also created Daria and King of the Hill. He directed Office Space and Idiocracy. He co-created Silicon Valley.



Beavis and Butt-Head

In 1993, a mother blamed Beavis and Butt-Head's well-documented pyromaniac tendencies for inspiring her five-year-old son to set a fire that killed his two-year-old sister.

In response to the uproar over this tragedy, MTV pulled four episodes off the air, cut all references to fire and moved Beavis and Butt-Head to the 10:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. time slot, claiming they were simply targeting an older audience.



WEDNESDAY

**WHAT IS
BARBIE'S
FULL NAME?**

Barbara Millicent Roberts

Barbie was created by Ruth Handler, and she made her premier at the American International Toy Fair in New York on March 9, 1959.

March 9, 1959 also celebrates Barbie's official birthday.

Barbie was the first doll made with adult features.

Barbie's marketing strategy relied on TV advertising. Barbie was the sole sponsor of the Mickey Mouse Club, marketing directly to children. At the time, the approach was unique.

Estimates place over a billion Barbie dolls have been sold worldwide in over 150 countries.

Barbara Millicent Roberts

Ken Carson, Barbie's boyfriend, was introduced in 1961.

Barbie was inducted into the Toy Hall of Fame in 1998.

Mattel is the toymaker that produces Barbie now.

Who is Barbie's sister?

Kelly, Chelsea, Skipper, Stacie, and Krissy

T G I F

**On average, how
long does it take
a person to fall
asleep?**

Seven Minutes

12% of people dream entirely in black and white

A giraffe only needs 1.9 hours of sleep a day, whereas a brown bat needs 19.9 hours a day.

The record for the longest period without sleep is 11 days.

The sensation of falling when half asleep and jerking yourself awake is called 'hypnic jerks.'

1 in 4 married couples sleep in separate beds.

Those born blind experience dreams involving things such as emotion, sound, and smell rather than sight.

Seven Minutes

Two thirds of a cat's life is spent asleep.

Humans spend $\frac{1}{3}$ of their life sleeping.

It's not uncommon for deaf people to use sign language in their sleep.

It's thought that up to 15% of the population are sleepwalkers.

Sleep deprivation will kill you more quickly than food deprivation.

Fear is said not to be the main emotion in nightmares. Researchers have found that it's most often feelings of sadness, guilt, and confusion.

**WHICH
INSECT HAS
SIX LEGS, BUT
CANNOT
WALK?**

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Dragonflies

Dragonflies are expert fliers. They can fly straight up and down, hover like a helicopter and even mate mid-air. If they can't fly, they'll starve because they only eat prey they catch while flying.

Dragonflies catch their insect prey by grabbing it with their feet. They're so efficient in their hunting that, in one Harvard University study, the dragonflies caught 90 to 95 percent of the prey released into their enclosure.

Some adult dragonflies live for only a few weeks while others live up to a year.

Nearly all of the dragonfly's head is eye, so they have incredible vision that encompasses almost every angle except right behind them.

Dragonflies

Dragonflies, which eat insects as adults, are a great control on the mosquito population. A single dragonfly can eat 30 to hundreds of mosquitoes per day.

Dragonflies lay their eggs in water, and when the larvae hatch, they live underwater for up to two years. Actually, depending on the altitude and latitude, some species may stay in the larval state for up to six years. They'll molt up to 17 times as they grow and get ready to head to the surface and transform into the dragonflies we see in the air.

They also inspire us to create new technology — from drones to artificial visual systems — based on their incredible skills at flight and vision.

How are dragonflies relevant to marketing?

TUESDAY

**WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE
VERY FIRST PROFESSIONAL
BASEBALL TEAM?**

Cincinnati Red Stockings

On March 15, 1869, Cincinnati attorney Aaron Champion hires former cricket player Harry Wright to organize, manage and play for the Cincinnati Red Stockings, who became the first professional baseball team.

In 1869, the Red Stockings finished the season with a 57-0 record—64-0 with exhibitions included. Baseball was still in the underhand-pitch iteration of the sport, so the team routinely scored dozens of runs in games. The Red Stockings defeated the Buckeyes of Cincinnati, 103-8.

In addition to managing, Harry Wright played center field and pitched. He was the second-highest-paid player on the roster with a \$1,200 salary.

Cincinnati Red Stockings

Wright, given roughly \$10,000 to assemble the best team money could buy, signed his younger brother, George, to a team-high \$1,400 salary. George, a shortstop who was considered to be the best baseball player, was well worth the investment as he reportedly hit .630 with 49 home runs and averaged six runs per game.

Known as the “Father of Professional Baseball,” Harry was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1953. George was inducted in 1937.

How is this relevant to marketing?

WEDNESDAY

**HOW FAST DID THE
FIRST LIQUID-
FUELED ROCKET GO?**

60 mph

American Robert H. Goddard successfully launched the world's first liquid-fueled rocket at Auburn, Massachusetts on March 16, 1926.

It traveled for 2.5 seconds at a speed of about 60 mph, reaching an altitude of 41 feet and landing 184 feet away.

The rocket was 10 feet tall, constructed out of thin pipes, and was fueled by liquid oxygen and gasoline.

The Chinese developed the first military rockets in the early 13th century using gunpowder and probably built firework rockets at an earlier date.

60 mph

Goddard was the first to prove that rockets can propel in an airless vacuum-like space and was also the first to explore mathematically the energy and thrust potential of various fuels, including liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen.

He received U.S. patents for his concepts of a multistage rocket and a liquid-fueled rocket, and secured grants from the Smithsonian Institute to continue his research.

In January 1920, The New York Times printed an editorial declaring that Dr. Goddard “seems to lack the knowledge ladled out daily in high schools” because he thought that rocket thrust would be effective beyond the earth’s atmosphere. (Three days before the first Apollo lunar-landing mission in July 1969, the Times printed a correction to this editorial.)

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THURSDAY

WHAT ARE THE ODDS OF
FINDING A FOUR-LEAF
CLOVER?

The background of the entire image is a dense, vibrant green field of clovers, likely shamrocks, which are a traditional symbol of Ireland. The clovers are in sharp focus, creating a textured, repeating pattern of three-leafed plants.

1 in 10,000

Today is St. Patrick's Day!

The day is also a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat.

The Feast of St. Patrick started in the early 17th-century. The day marks the death of St. Patrick and was chosen as an official Christian feast day and is observed by the Catholic Church.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

How many people in the United States are of Irish descent?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 31.5 million Americans claim Irish descent. That's a lot of Irish-Americans! And that includes those who may be 100% Irish or less than 15% Irish. A little bit of the Emerald Isle goes a long way.

Can I pinch someone who isn't wearing green on St. Patrick's Day?

The tradition of pinching those who don't wear green on St. Patrick's Day comes from the belief that wearing green made one invisible to the fairies and leprechauns spreading mischief on that day. These legendary creatures were known for their pinching. Those celebrating the day would pinch those who didn't wear green as a reminder of what could happen (or to impersonate the leprechauns and fairies). That said if you're going to pinch on St. Patrick's Day, be gentle, or better yet, bring along some green stickers to place on other revelers as a way of offering protection from those menacing leprechauns and fairies.



The worst tornado in
US history went
through which states?

Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana

Known as the Tri-State Tornado

It occurred on March 18, 1925.

It killed 695 people, injured over 13,000, and caused \$17 million in property damage.

The deadly twister began its northeast track in Ellington, Missouri, but southern Illinois was the hardest hit. More than 500 of the total 695 people who perished were killed in southern Illinois.

The Tri-State Tornado of 1925 traveled 219 miles, spent more than three hours on the ground, devastated 164 square miles, had a diameter of more than a mile and traveled at speeds in excess of 70 mph.

**“WHO SHOT
J.R.?”
WHAT TV
SHOW IS THIS
FROM?**

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Dallas

On March 21, 1980, J.R. Ewing, the character millions love to hate on television's popular prime-time drama Dallas, is shot by an unknown assailant.

The shooting made the season-ending episode one of TV's most famous cliffhangers, inspired widespread media coverage and left America wondering "Who shot J.R.?" for the next eight months. On November 21, 1980, the premiere episode of Dallas's third season solved the mystery, identifying Kristin Shepard, J.R.'s mistress (and his wife's sister), as the culprit.

In the wake of the season-ending cliffhanger episode, "A House Divided," audiences were hard-pressed to guess who was responsible for the shooting; J.R. had a host of enemies.

Dallas

That summer, the question “Who Shot J.R.?” entered the national lexicon, becoming a popular T-shirt slogan, and heightening anticipation of the soap’s third season, which was to come in the fall. Much to the dismay of Dallas fans, the premiere was delayed because of a Screen Actors Guild strike.

When it finally aired in November, the episode revealing the shooter became one of television’s most-watched shows, with an audience of 83 million people, and helped put Dallas into greater worldwide circulation. It also popularized the use of the cliffhanger by TV writers.

Dallas ran for 14 seasons. It was dubbed as a prime-time soap opera.

Dallas

The shooting of J.R. was not Dallas's only notorious plot twist. In September 1986, fans learned that the entire previous season, in which main character Bobby Ewing had died, was merely a dream of Pam's. The show's writers had killed the Bobby character off because Duffy had decided to leave the show. When he agreed to return, they featured him stepping out of the shower on the season-ending cliffhanger, and then were forced the next season to explain his sudden reappearance.

The last new episode of Dallas aired on May 3, 1991.



TUESDAY

ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY
WORDS DOES A PERSON
SAY PER DAY?

4,800

Approximately 50 million people worldwide suffer from stuttering, an involuntary repetition of sounds that impedes speech.

Famous stutterers from history include Moses, Greek orator Demosthenes, Friedrich Nietzsche, King George VI of England, Winston Churchill, and Marilyn Monroe.

Research shows that most individuals spend 60% of their conversation time talking about themselves. This number jumps to 80% while conversing on social media.

Physical muteness is the inability to speak, and it can be caused by many underlying conditions, such as damage to the throat or vocal cords, neurologic conditions, or degenerative diseases. It is extremely rare for people to be born mute.

4,800

The word glossolalia refers to the sudden ability to speak in a previously unknown language. It is described as a spiritual gift in the Bible.

The proper name for talking in one's sleep is somniloquy.

The word Logos in Greek means word, account, or explanation.

Around 25% of people report suffering from glossophobia, the fear of public speaking.

John Moschitta Jr. was the world's fastest talker for decades. Famous for his appearance on Micro Machines commercials, he could say 583 words a minute and form syllables five times faster than average speakers.

W E D N E S D A Y

**Which Hollywood
icon was married
eight times?**

Elizabeth Taylor

1950-1951 - Conrad Hilton

1952-1957 - Michael Wilding (2 sons)

1957-1958 - Mike Todd (1 daughter)

1959-1964 - Eddie Fisher

1964-1974 - Richard Burton (adopted daughter)

1975-1976 - Richard Burton

1976-1982 - John Warner

1991-1996 - Larry Fortensky



Elizabeth Taylor

She was born on February 27, 1932, in London.

She died in a Los Angeles hospital at age 79 on March 23, 2011.

Made her film debut in 1942 in *There's One Born Every Minute*. (age 10)

She was in more than 50 films, won two Academy Awards, and was synonymous with Hollywood glamour.



Elizabeth Taylor

She had what appeared to be rare natural purple eyes.



THURSDAY

Who said, "A man may make mistakes, but he isn't a failure until he starts blaming someone else."?

John Wooden

An American basketball player and coach.

Nicknamed the “Wizard of Westwood”

He won ten National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) national championships in a 12-year period as head coach for the UCLA Bruins, with seven of them in a row.

Born on October 14, 1910 in Hall, Indiana. Died by June 4, 2010.



John Wooden

Most appearances in the Final Four, 16; most consecutive appearances, 9; and most victories, 21.

Most consecutive victories: 88 during 1971, 1972, and 1973.

38 straight victories in NCAA tournament play between 1964 and 1974.

Four perfect seasons: 1964, 1967, 1972, 1973.

All-time 40 season winning percentage .813 (Dayton High School, South Bend Central High School, Indiana State Teachers College, UCLA).



John Wooden

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WOODEN ON LEADERSHIP™

THE ART OF
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"Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable."

John Wooden, Head Coach

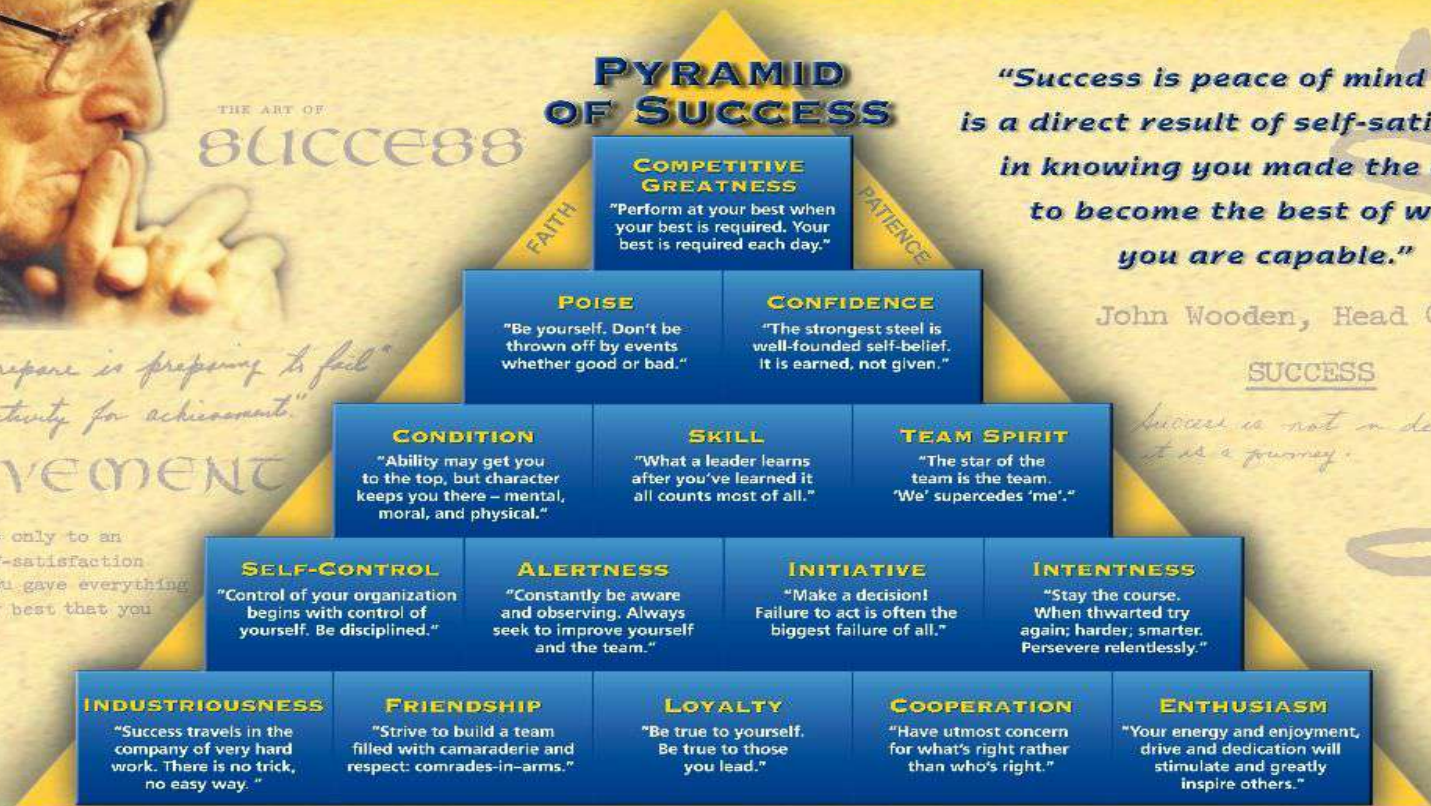
SUCCESS

*"Failure to prepare is preparing to fail."
Don't mistake activity for achievement."*

ACHIEVEMENT

True success comes only to an individual by self-satisfaction in knowing that you gave everything to become the very best that you are capable of.

Success is not a destination, it is a journey.



12 LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

1. Good Values Attract Good People
2. Love Is The Most Powerful Four-Letter Word
3. Call Yourself A Teacher
4. Emotion Is Your Enemy

5. It Takes 10 Hands To Make A Basket
6. Little Things Make Big Things Happen
7. Make Each Day Your Masterpiece
8. The Carrot Is Mightier Than A Stick

9. Make Greatness Attainable By All
10. Seek Significant Change
11. Don't Look At The Scoreboard
12. Adversity Is Your Asset



**WHICH NFL TEAM MOVED CITIES
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING?**

Baltimore Colts Move to Indianapolis

On March 28, 1984, Bob Irsay (1923-1997), owner of the once-mighty Baltimore Colts, moves the team to Indianapolis. Without any sort of public announcement, Irsay hired movers to pack up the team's offices in Owings Mills, Maryland, in the middle of the night, while the city of Baltimore slept.

TUESDAY

**WHO SAID, "YOU NEVER
REALLY LEARN MUCH FROM
HEARING YOURSELF SPEAK."?**

George Clooney

Born in Lexington, Kentucky on May 6, 1961.

He was in sitcoms such as The Facts of Life, E/R, Roseanne, and Sisters before being cast for Dr. Doug Ross on ER.

He was in movies while on ER: From Dusk Till Dawn, One Fine Day, Batman & Robin, Out of Sight, The Thin Red Line, and Three Kings.

Afterwards, he starred in these movies: O Brother, Where Art Thou?, The Perfect Storm, Ocean's Eleven, Ocean's Twelve, and Ocean's Thirteen

Michelle Pfeiffer and Nicole Kidman bet him \$10,000 that he would have children by the age of 40, and sent a check shortly after his birthday.

George Clooney

He sent the checks back and bet double or nothing he wouldn't have children by the age of 50.

In 2014, he married lawyer and activist Amal Clooney.

He has two children: twins Ella and Alexander were born in 2017

Voted "Sexiest Man Alive" by People magazine in 1997.

He was talk-show host Rosie O'Donnell's very first guest when her TV show debuted.

Appeared on the cover of the first Men's Vogue magazine.

W E D N E S D A Y

Who said, "When you focus on problems, you get more problems. When you focus on possibilities, you have more opportunities."?

Jim Carrey

Born in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada on January 17, 1962.

Became a US citizen in 2004.

The two-time Golden Globe-winner rose to fame as a cast member of the Fox sketch comedy *In Living Color* but leading roles in *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* (1994), *Dumb and Dumber* and *The Mask* established him as a bankable comedy actor.

As a child, he performed constantly, for anyone who would watch, and even mailed his résumé to *The Carol Burnett Show* at age 10.

In junior high, he was granted a few precious minutes at the end of each school day to do stand-up routines for his classmates (provided, of course, that he kept a lid on it the rest of the day).

Jim Carrey

His family was forced to relocate from their cozy town of Newmarket to Scarborough (a Toronto suburb) when he was a teenager. They all took security and janitorial jobs in the Titan Wheels factory, Jim working 8-hour shifts after school let out (not surprisingly, his grades and morale both suffered). When they finally deserted the factory, the family lived out of a Volkswagen camper van until they could return to Toronto.

Carrey made his stand-up debut in Toronto after his parents and siblings got back on their feet. He made his (reportedly awful) professional stand-up debut at Yuk-Yuk's, one of the many local clubs that would serve as his training ground in the years to come. He dropped out of high school, worked on his celebrity impersonations (among them Michael Landon and James Stewart), and in 1979 worked up the nerve to move to Los Angeles.

Jim Carrey

Rodney Dangerfield signed him as the opening act for an entire season at The Comedy Store.

He married and divorced twice before pursuing a career in TV and film.

In the movie, Earth Girls are Easy, he met Damon Wayans, and the Wayans brothers put together the sketch comedy show In Living Color.

Then came starring in films such as Ace Ventura: Pet Detective, The Mask, Dumb and Dumber, Batman Forever, Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls, The Cable Guy, and Liar Liar.

He has one daughter, Jane Carrey.

THURSDAY

Which monument
opened on
March 31, 1889?

Eiffel Tower

Gustave Eiffel designed the tower.

He also designed the framework of the Statue of Liberty.

It was built under budget in just two years, and only one man lost his life during construction.

It is 984 feet tall with observation deck on three levels.

It was the world's tallest man-made structure until the completion of the Chrysler Building in New York in 1930.



Eiffel Tower

It sported a reddish-brown color. A decade later, it was coated in yellow paint. The tower was also yellow-brown and chestnut brown before the adoption of the current, specially mixed “Eiffel Tower Brown” in 1968. Every seven years, painters apply 60 tons of paint to the tower to keep her looking young. The tower is painted in three shades, progressively lighter with elevation, in order to augment the structure’s silhouette against the canvas of the Parisian sky.

It was built to celebrate the centennial of the French Revolution.

The Eiffel Tower was once the world’s largest billboard.

Radio saved the Eiffel Tower from destruction.





Are you smarter
than the marketer?









Indulge your indulgences



**“WHAT WAS
THE TALLEST
BUILDING IN
THE WORLD
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World Trade Center

The “Twin Towers” of the World Trade Center officially opened in New York City on April 4, 1973.

The Empire State Building was the tallest building in the world for 41 years prior to it opening.

The Chicago Sears Tower opened the following year and became the tallest building in the world.



World Trade Center

Planning, designing and clearing space for the World Trade Center took over a decade.

The New York State Legislature originally approved the idea in 1943, but concrete plans did not materialize until the 1960s.

In order to efficiently move people up and down the 110-story towers, Yamasaki and his team developed the concept of express elevators—based on the New York City Subway’s system of express and local trains—that traveled directly to “sky lobbies” on the 44 and 78 floor, from which “local” elevators ran to neighboring floors.



World Trade Center

The World Trade Center dramatically altered the New York skyline and the cityscape of Lower Manhattan. As such, they were often used as a shorthand for the area in visual media, and were frequently included in establishing shots of films set in New York.

Though most of the World Trade Center was occupied by office space, the Top of the World Observation Deck on the South Tower became a popular tourist destination, as did the North Tower's Windows on the World restaurant, which featured its own wine school.



World Trade Center

The towers were first targeted by terrorists in 1993, when a bomb exploded in the garage under the North Tower, killing six and injuring over 1,000.

The Twin Towers were destroyed, and were the site of the vast majorities of the casualties, on September 11, 2001, a final chapter that has since overshadowed the rest of the World Trade Center's story.

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***WHAT DID DR.
ROY PLUNKETT
ACCIDENTALLY
INVENT?***

Teflon

While working in the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company lab that April day, Plunkett and his assistant accidentally discovered polytetrafluoroethylene on April 6, 1938.

The Teflon trademark was registered in 1945. In 1985, the Inventors' Hall of Fame inducted Dr. Plunkett into its numbers.

While Plunkett receives credit for the invention of Teflon, another person saw Teflon's larger purpose. Marion A. Trozzolo brought it from the laboratory into the kitchen. The Kansas City, Missouri professor used the substance to coat his scientific utensils. This use later led him to establish Laboratory Plasticware Fabricators.

Teflon

In 1961, he marketed the first US-made Teflon coated frying pan, The Happy Pan.

Today, Teflon can be found everywhere and in surprising places, too. Besides coating metals for cooking, it is also used to protect fabrics and reduce friction in the aerospace industry. It also helps to increase production and reduce contamination in pharmaceuticals.

Today is National Teflon Day!



HELLO ☺

Wednesday

**WHO WAS
THE
INSPIRATION
FOR THE
MOVIE THE
FUGITIVE?**

Sam Sheppard

On July 4, 1954, Sheppard's wife Marilyn was beaten to death in the couple's Bay Village, Ohio, home.

Sheppard, an osteopathic doctor, contended the "bushy-haired" attacker had beaten him as well. The Sheppards' son slept through the murder in a bedroom down the hall. Sam Sheppard was arrested for murder and stood trial in the fall of 1954.

The case generated massive media attention, and some members of the press were accused of supporting the perception that Sheppard was guilty.

Sam Sheppard

In December 1954, a jury convicted Sheppard of second-degree murder and he was sentenced to life in prison.

However, after a decade behind bars, Sheppard's new criminal defense attorney F. Lee Bailey convinced the U.S. Supreme Court to grant his client a new trial because he had been denied due process.

At the second trial, Sheppard was found not guilty in November 1966. The case put Bailey on the map, and he went on to represent many high-profile clients, including the Boston Strangler, Patty Hearst and O.J. Simpson.

Sam Sheppard

After being released from prison, Sheppard briefly returned to his medical career and later embarked on a short stint as a pro wrestler, going by the name "The Killer Sheppard."

No one else was ever charged for Marilyn Sheppard's murder; in the late 1950s, however, a window washer named Richard Eberling, who had worked at the Sheppard house, came under suspicion when one of Marilyn's rings was found in his possession.

In the 1980s, Eberling was convicted of murdering another woman, and he died in prison.

Sam Sheppard

Sam Sheppard, who became a heavy drinker in the last years of his life, died of liver failure on April 6, 1970, at age 46.

His son has made multiple attempts to clear Sheppard's name, including unsuccessfully suing the government for wrongful imprisonment of his father in 2000.

T H U R S D A Y

Who won Best Actor
at the Academy
Awards in 1970?

John Wayne

On April 7, 1970, the legendary actor John Wayne wins his first—and only—acting Academy Award, for his star turn in the director Henry Hathaway's Western True Grit.

Wayne appeared in around 170 movies over the course of his career.

He was first nominated for Best Actor for Sands of Iwo Jima in 1949.

The Alamo, 1960, which Wayne produced, directed, and starred in, earned a Best Picture nomination.

The Academy had failed to even nominate Wayne for any of his most celebrated performances, in films such as Stagecoach (1939), Red River (1948), The Quiet Man (1952), The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance (1962) and especially Ford's The Searchers (1956), considered by many to be the greatest Western ever made.

John Wayne

In *True Grit*, Wayne played a drunken, foul-tempered but endearing U.S. marshal named Rooster Cogburn, who becomes an unlikely hero when he helps a young girl avenge the murder of her father. He would reprise the role in the film's sequel, *Rooster Cogburn* (1975), opposite Katharine Hepburn.

He was up against Jon Voight, Dustin Hoffman, Richard Burton, and Peter O'Toole.

In 1964, Wayne battled lung cancer, undergoing surgery to remove his entire left lung. He went public with news of his illness in hopes of convincing people to remain vigilant about cancer.

John Wayne

In his last movie, *The Shootist* (1976), Wayne portrayed an aging gunfighter dying of cancer. Three years later, the great actor himself succumbed to stomach cancer at the age of 72 on June 11, 1979.

His daughter, Aissa Wayne was at his bedside. She held his hand and asked if he knew who she was. He responded with his very last words ever, “Of course I know who you are. You’re my girl. I love you.”

He was nicknamed the Duke.

He was married three times and divorced twice. In total, John Wayne had seven children during his life.

His grave reads, ““Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It’s perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we’ve learned something from yesterday.”

What MLB
player was
born without
a right hand?



Pitcher Jim Abbott

He made his Major League Baseball debut against the Seattle Mariners on April 8, 1989.

He played for the California Angels as rookie pitcher. They lost that game 7-0.

He is from Flint, Michigan, and played baseball for Flint Central High School.

He was selected by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 1985 MLB draft, but he decided to go to college instead.

He went to the University of Michigan, where he led Wolverines to two Big Ten championships.

In 1988, the Angels selected Abbott with the eight overall pick of the draft.

Pitcher Jim Abbott

Abbott started 1989 with the Angels, becoming one of the rare players to make it to the major leagues without playing in the minor leagues.

He had a respectable rookie season, finishing with a 12-12 won-loss record and a 3.92 ERA. His career record was 4.25 ERA and 888 strikeouts.

By the end of 1991, Abbott was one of MLB's better starting pitchers.

His career high point occurred September 4, 1993, when he pitched a no-hitter for the New York Yankees against the Cleveland Indians at Yankee Stadium.

Abbott, who pitched for four teams over 10 years, retired after the 1999 season. California Angels, New York Yankees, Chicago White Sox, and Milwaukee Brewers.



**WHAT MEDIA
FORMAT WAS
CREATED IN THE
60S FOR MUSIC
LISTENING?**

Eight Track Tape

In 1964, Bill Lear of Lear Jet Corporation, along with Ampex, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Motorola, and RCA, created the eight-track tape. Also known as Stereo 8, the first player was released in 1965.

In September of 1965, Ford Motor Company introduced factory-installed and dealer installed eight-track tape players as an option to buyers on three of its 1966 models – the Thunderbird, Mustang, and Lincoln. In addition, Ford offered an eight-track tape player in all its vehicles as an upgrade option on the 1967 model. Through the 1980s, optional eight-track players were available in many cars and trucks.

Eight track cartridges were phased out in the retail stores in the United States by late 1982. However, some titles were still available as eight-track tapes through various mail-order clubs until late 1988.

Eight Track Tape





***WHAT ARE THE
MUSCLES IN
YOUR FINGERS
CALLED?***

There are not any muscles in the fingers

We are able to move our fingers thanks to the muscles in our forearms.

There are tendons in the fingers.

There are muscles in the hand: Abductor digiti minimi brevis, Adductor pollicis, Flexor digiti minimi brevis, opponens digiti minimi, Opponens pollicis, Flexor pollicis brevis, and Abductor pollicis brevis.

HELLO ☺

Wednesday

What was
Scrabble
originally
called by
its
inventor?

Lexiko

It was renamed to Criss-Cross Words, but it too, did not have the right sound for the game.

Finally, inventor Alfred Mosher Butts settled on the name Scrabble.

The amateur artist and unemployed architect developed the word game in the midst of the depression.

It wasn't until 1948, a final name change and a trademark that Butts finally began to produce the game.

Scrabble is played with two to four players who score points by forming words from individual lettered tiles on a game board marked with a 15 x 15 grid.

Scrabble

Scrabble is sold in 121 countries with 29 different language versions.

Worldwide, over one hundred fifty million sets have been sold with sets being found in nearly one-third of American homes.

Scrabble became a daytime game show on NBC in 1984.

Scrabble was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame in 2004

Some cities sponsor Scrabble tournaments on the weekend closest to National Scrabble Day (which is today).

The word “scrabble” means to “grope frantically.”

What are some of the best two-letter words to play?

Scrabble

Ax

Ay

By

Ef

Eh

Em

Ex

Hm

Ka

Ki

My

Ok

Op

Oy

Qi

Sh

Uh

Up

We

Xi

Xu

Za

Scrabble is as much a numbers game as it is a word game.



***WHO SAID, "WHEN
YOU DO THE COMMON
THINGS IN LIFE IN AN
UNCOMMON WAY,
YOU WILL COMMAND
THE ATTENTION OF
THE WORLD"?***

George Washington Carver

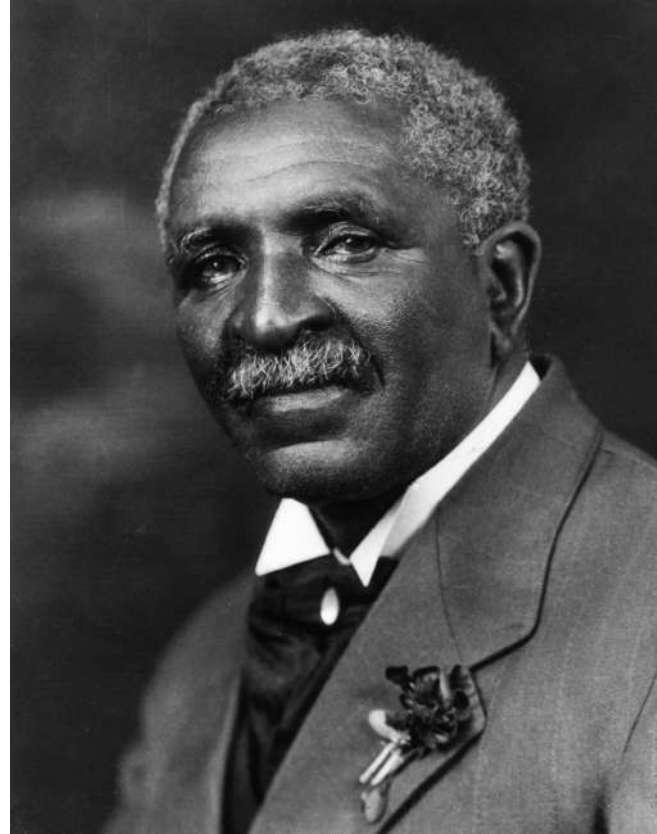
He was a botanist, agronomist, chemist, and inventor.

He was born near Diamond Grove, Missouri in or around 1861.

He died January 5, 1943 in Tuskegee, Alabama.

He was born into slavery. His mother's name as Mary, and owned by Moses Carver.

During the Civil War, the Carver farm was raided and Mary and infant George were kidnapped and taken to Arkansas to be sold.

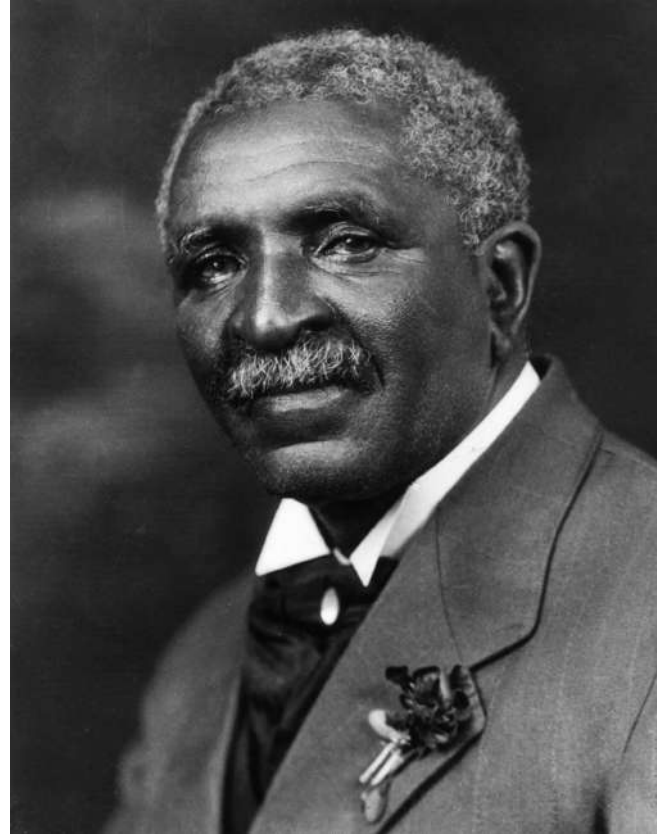


George Washington Carver

Moses Carver was able to track down young George, but was unable to find Mary. He brought little sick George back to Missouri.

After the war, George stayed on the Carver plantation until he was about 10-12 years old when he left to get an education.

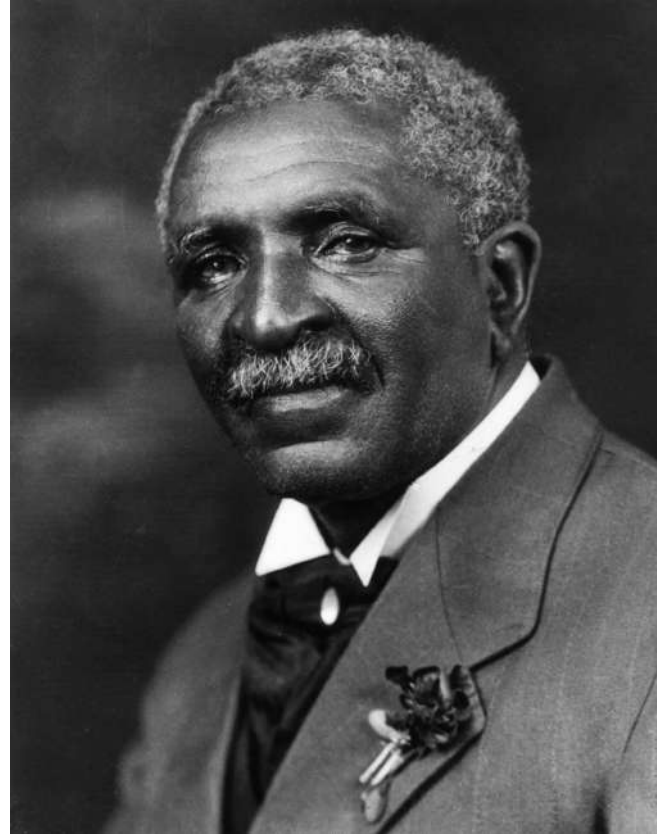
He supported himself by varied occupations that included general household worker, hotel cook, laundryman, farm labourer, and homesteader.



George Washington Carver

He managed to earn his high-school education in Minneapolis, Kansas while working as a farmhand in his 20s.

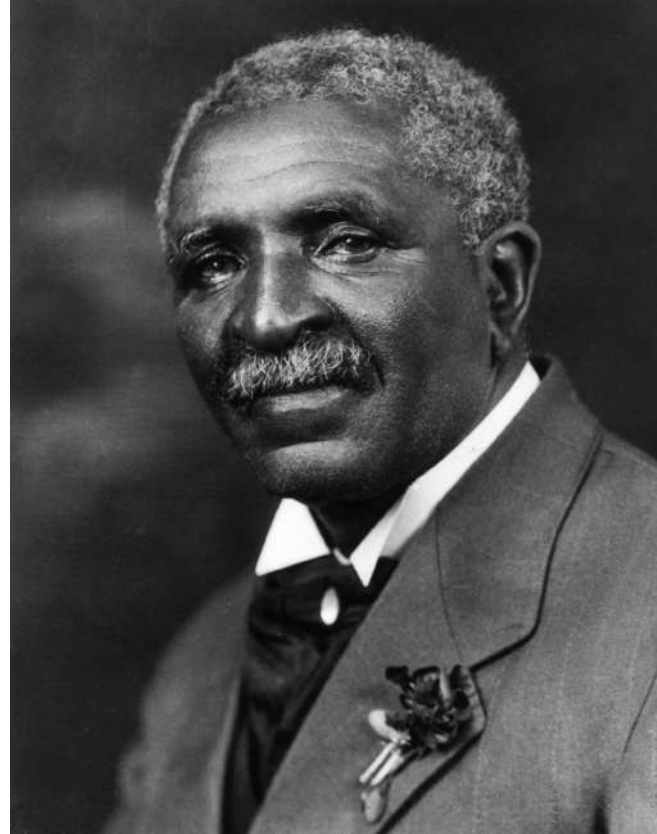
He enrolled in Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, where he studied piano and art, subsequently transferring to Iowa State Agricultural College (now known as Iowa State University), where he received a bachelor's degree in agriculture science in 1894 and a master of science degree in 1896.



George Washington Carver

He encouraged farmers in the south who normally planted cotton to plant peanuts and sweet potatoes to replenish the soil with nitrogen.

There was not a big demand for these in the market so Carver developed 300 derivative products from peanuts including milk, flour, ink, dyes, plastics, wood stains, soap, linoleum, medicinal oils, and cosmetics; and 118 from sweet potatoes including flour, vinegar, molasses, ink, a synthetic rubber, and postage stamp glue.



HELLO 

Wednesday

**What NBA
player
scored 63
points in a
playoff
game?**

Michael Jordan

On April 20, 1986, the Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan scores 63 points in an NBA playoff game against the Boston Celtics, setting a post-season scoring record.

However, despite Jordan's achievement, the Bulls lost to the Celtics in double overtime, 135-131.

Boston swept the three-game series and went on to win the NBA championship.

Michael Jeffrey Jordan was born February 17, 1963 in Brooklyn, NY.

He led the Chicago Bulls to six NBA championships.



Michael Jordan

He grew up in Wilmington, NC, and entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981.

As a freshman, he made the winning basket against Georgetown in the 1982 national championship game.

Jordan was named College Player of the Year in both his sophomore and junior years, leaving North Carolina after his junior year.

He led the U.S. basketball team to Olympic gold medals in 1984 in Los Angeles and in 1992 in Barcelona, Spain.

In 1984, Jordan was drafted by the Chicago Bulls.



Michael Jordan

In his first year, he led the league in scoring, and was named Rookie of the Year.

After missing most of the following season with a broken foot, he returned to lead the NBA in scoring for seven consecutive seasons, averaging about 33 points per game.

He was named the NBA's MVP five times.

In October 1993, after leading the Bulls to their third consecutive championship, Jordan retired briefly and pursued a career in professional baseball.

He returned to basketball in March 1995.



THURSDAY

What is the medical
term for an ice
cream headache?

Sphenopalatine Ganglioneuralgia

Technically known as cold-stimulus headaches.

Also known as a brain freeze.

An ice cream headache is set off when an unusually cold substance passes over the palate and back of the throat and causes small blood vessels in those areas to constrict and then rapidly dilate.

Pain receptors near the blood vessels sense the discomfort and send the message along tiny nerve fibers to a larger nerve (the trigeminal nerve), which forwards it to the brain. The trigeminal nerve also carries pain signals from the face. The brain reads the cold-stimulus sensations as coming from the head rather than the mouth — a phenomenon called referred pain.

Sphenopalatine Ganglioneuralgia

Cold-stimulus pain is common, occurring in 30% to 40% of people who don't usually have headaches.

The symptoms are harmless and not a sign of any underlying disease, although many experts believe they're more common in people who get migraines.

Because ice cream headaches are so short-lived, they're hard to study, and there's no consensus on how to stop them.

Most people have their own methods; the most common is to curl the tongue and press the underside against the roof of the mouth.

The best way to prevent the headache is to eat very cold foods slowly.

**WHO SCORED
THE FIRST GOAL
FOR THE
ST. LOUIS
BLUES?**



Larry Keenan

The Blues went on to a 2-2 tie with the Minnesota North Stars. October 11, 1967.

The Minnesota North Stars are now the Dallas Stars.

Larry Keenan played with the Toronto Maple Leafs, St. Louis Blues, Buffalo Sabres, and Philadelphia Flyers as a left wing.

He scored 38 goals and added 64 assists, and appeared in 234 games.



Larry Keenan

He is 12th in Blues all-time playoff scoring with 15 goals in 46 playoff games.

He was also on the ice for Bobby Orr's famous 1970 Stanley Cup Finals clinching goal—a scoring play that began when Orr pinched at the blue line and blocked Keenan's attempt to clear the zone with a pass to Red Berenson.

Keenan describes the play, saying the goal wasn't great. It was a great photo of a goal.





***HOW MANY
INDIVIDUAL
PIECES ARE THERE
TO THE STATUE OF
LIBERTY?***

350 Individual Pieces

They were shipped in 214 crates from France to the United States.

France presented the statue to the US on June 17, 1885.

Sculptor Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi's design encompassed much symbolism: her crown representing light with its spikes evoking sun rays extending out to the world; the tablet, inscribed with July 4, 1776 in Roman numerals, noting American independence; to symbolize the end of slavery, Bartholdi placed a broken shackle and chains at the Statue's foot.

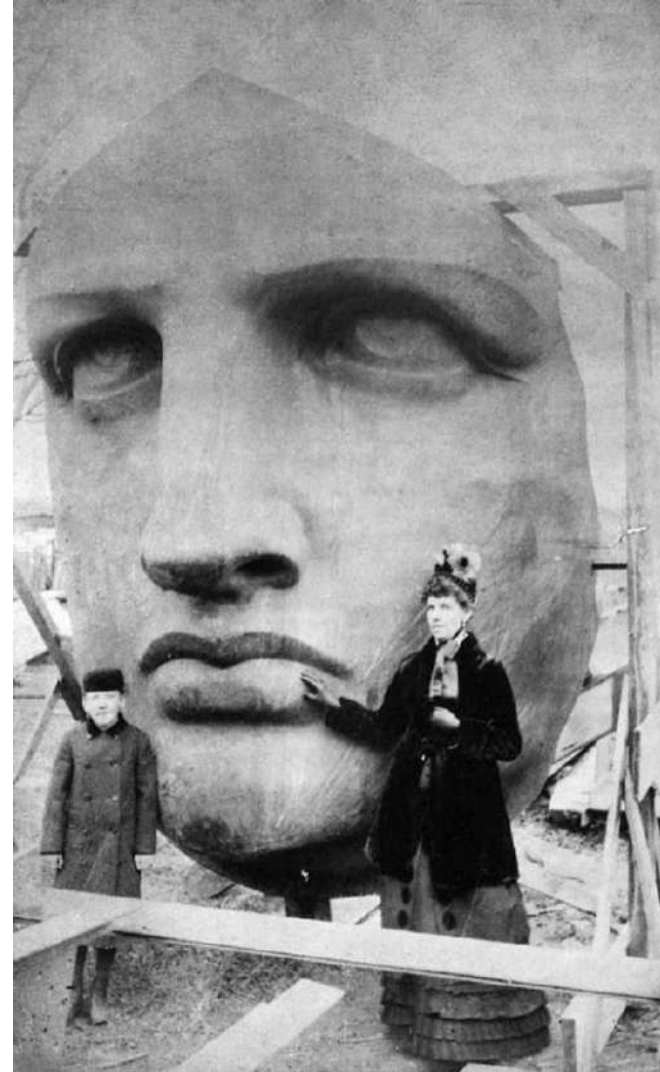


350 Individual Pieces

France was responsible for creating the Statue and assembling it in the United States while the American people would fund and build the pedestal.

To raise funds in France, public fees, various forms of entertainment, and a lottery were used.

In the U.S., to finance the pedestal, benefit theatrical events, art exhibitions, auctions, and prizefights were held. Poet Emma Lazarus wrote her famous sonnet *The New Colossus* in 1883 for an art and literary auction.



350 Individual Pieces

Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, just prior to creating his famed Tower, was engaged to design the massive iron pylon and secondary skeletal framework that allows the Statue's copper skin to move independently yet stand upright.

Construction of the Statue was completed in France in July 1884. The massive sculpture stood tall above the rooftops of Paris awaiting her voyage across the sea.



350 Individual Pieces

The ship arrived in New York Harbor on June 17, 1885.

The pedestal was completed in April 1886 and finally, on October 28, 1886, President Grover Cleveland oversaw the dedication of the Statue of Liberty in front of thousands of spectators.



HELLO 

Wednesday

How deep
is the
deepest
place on
earth?

36,201 feet

It is the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean 200 miles southwest of Guam.

That is seven miles deep.

It is more than a mile deeper than Mt. Everest is up.

If you dropped a stone in the water, it would take over an hour for it to hit bottom.

The Trench is 1,554 miles long and 44 miles wide.

There are only a few creatures who can live in waters that deep including the telescope octopus, angler fish, dumbo octopus, snailfish, amphipods





8,200 FT.
DEEPEST DIVING WHALE



THURSDAY

What is the average
weight of a cumulus
cloud?

1.1 Million Pounds

Clouds are filled with water.

So technically, you have the equivalency of 100 elephants overhead.

There are several types of clouds, and they can be divided into three levels: high-level, mid-level, and low-level clouds.

Cirrus Clouds are one most common types of clouds that can be seen at any time of the year. They're thin and wispy with a silky sheen appearance.

Cirrocumulus Clouds are among the most gorgeous out there. These usually form at about 5 km above the surface with small white fluff patterns that spread out for miles and miles over the sky. They're sometimes called 'mackerel skies' because they can sometimes have a grayish color which makes the clouds look a bit like fish scales.

1.1 Million Pounds

Cirrostratus clouds have a sheet-like appearance that can look like a curly blanket covering the sky. They're quite translucent which makes it easy for the sun or the moon to peer through.

Altostratus Clouds form at a lower altitude so they're largely made of water droplets though they may retain ice crystals when forming higher up.

Altostratus often spread over thousands of square miles and are strongly linked to light rain or snow.

The name Nimbostratus comes from the Latin words nimbus which means "rain" and stratus for "spread out".

1.1 Million Pounds

Stratus clouds are composed of thin layers of clouds covering a large area of the sky. This is simply mist or fog when it forms close to the ground.

Cumulus clouds are the most recognizable out of all the types of clouds. These adorable 'piles of cotton' form a large mass with a well-defined rounded edge, which explains the name 'cumulus' which is Latin for 'heap'.

Cumulonimbus is fluffy and white like cumulus but the cloud formations are far larger. It's a vertical developing type of cloud whose base grows from one to up to eight kilometers, hence it's commonly called a tower cloud.

Stratocumulus looks like a thick white blanket of stretched out cotton. They resemble cumulus clouds except they're far bigger.

In what
year was
the zipper
invented?



1913

In 1906, the Universal Fastener Company hired Gideon Sundback, a Swedish-American electrical engineer.

On April 29, 1913, he was granted a patent for the modern zipper, known then as the “Separable Fastener.”

He submitted modifications to his invention in 1917. Today we wear designs quite similar to the ones Sundback created in his patent. While he may have called them a separable fastener, we know them as zippers.

By 1923, B.F. Goodrich popularized the word zipper as it applied to use in the boots and pouches it made. The company even copyrighted the name for a time.

The Zipper

The first semblance of a zipper model traces back to Elias Howe, the founder of the sewing machine. In 1851, he created a patent for a device named An Automatic Continuous Clothing Closure, which had a similar function to the modern zipper, although the composition was significantly different. The product operated as individual clasps that were joined manually, and pulled shut by using a string, creating a “gathered” effect. Ultimately, Howe did not continue developing his model, and several years went by before another patent was created.

More than 40 years later, inventor Whitcomb L. Judson began devising the patent “Clasp Locker or Unlocker for Shoes.”

Whitcomb’s second patent in 1893 was a transition from the former bulky clasps to hooks and eyes. This device, later called “C-curity” was a series of loops (short metal extensions) that were manually laced into the boot or shoe.

The Zipper



Unzipped:
The True Story of the Zipper

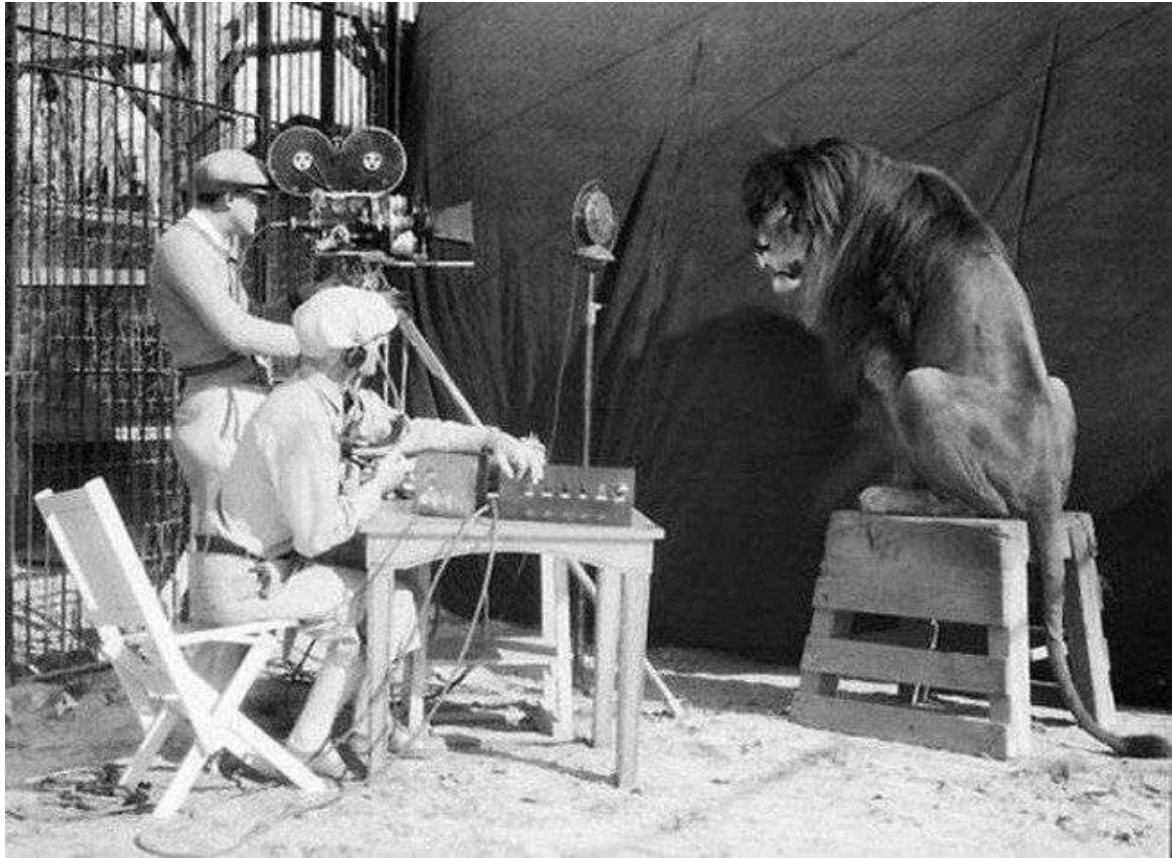
**WHAT IS THE
NAME OF THE
ORIGINAL MGM
LION?**



Leo the Lion

The tradition of using a lion's roar at the beginning of MGM movies started back in the 1920s.

Leo the Lion first appeared on the big screen before the 1924 movie *He Who Gets Slapped*.



Leo the Lion

There have been eleven different lions used for the MGM logo.

In 2021, MGM introduced a new CGI logo which features a lion partially based on Leo.

Though MGM called their lion Leo, the name of the very first lion was actually Slat. Slat was the only lion to not roar.



Leo the Lion

Other lions were Jackie, Bill, Tell, Coffee, Tanner, George, and Leo.

The only lion actually named Leo was the logo from 1957 to 2021.



You've seen him on all the
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures. He'll
visit us soon on his sensational
world-wide tour.





***HOW MANY LICKS
DOES IT TAKE TO
GET TO THE
CENTER OF A
TOOTSIE POP?***

364 Licks

Beginning in a modest New York candy store with the Tootsie Roll's introduction in 1896, the Chicago-based company has grown to become one of the country's largest candy companies, with operations throughout North America and distribution channels in more than 75 countries.

Together, the Tootsie brands resonate strongly among every age group, culture, and demographic; for every occasion and event; and during every economic climate, qualifying them as truly enduring, iconic American confections.

The original "How Many Licks?" spot appeared in 1970, and since then Tootsie Roll Industries has produced a number of famous television commercials.

364 Licks

Combining a family-run corporate culture with a progressive management style that embraces an entrepreneurial spirit, Tootsie sets the industry standard at delivering the highest quality product at the lowest possible price, a robust yet efficient operations model.

It invests in the most advanced and productive equipment, integrating operations whenever possible, in a constant effort to improve productivity.

This fiscally responsible focus has earned Tootsie a designation as one of “America's 200 Best Small Companies” by Forbes Magazine, and recognition as one of “America's Finest Companies” by Staton Financial Advisors.

364 Licks

Tootsie's emphasis on ethics and integrity carries over into its involvement with community and even national concerns.

Its products have long been favorites with charitable fundraisers, generating substantial revenues that sustain a variety of public and private causes.

And since World War II, owing to their non-perishable qualities and resistance to harsh weather conditions, Tootsie Rolls have been an integral part of U.S. military rations.

A group of engineering students from Purdue University reported that its licking machine, modeled after a human tongue, took an average of 364 licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop. Twenty of the group's volunteers assumed the licking challenge-unassisted by machinery-and averaged 252 licks each to the center.

364 Licks

Not to be outdone by a Big Ten rival, a chemical engineering doctorate student from the University of Michigan recorded that his customized licking machine required 411 licks to reach the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Pop.

Bellarmino University in Louisville recently completed their own controlled study to get an answer to the age-old question. With 130 participants they recorded their findings by gender, the amount of time taken and even the color of the tootsie pop.

Rejecting the notion that one needed active college status to undertake the Tootsie Pop licking challenge, a group of junior high students at Swarthmore School used human lickers, reporting an average of 144 licks to reach the center of a Tootsie Pop.

364 Licks



HELLO 

Wednesday

Who
introduced
the phrase,
"May the
fourth be with
you" first?

The Conservative Party of Britain

On May 4, 1979, Britain's first female Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher took office.

The Conservative Party placed an advertisement in The London Evening News, which read, "May the Fourth Be with You, Maggie. Congratulations."

Although she planned to pursue a political career, Thatcher graduated from Oxford University in 1947 with a chemistry degree. After a stint as a research chemist for a plastics company, Thatcher worked as a food scientist at J. Lyons and Co. where she was part of a team that found a method to increase the amount of air injected into ice cream so that it could be manufactured with fewer ingredients at a lower cost. The breakthrough led to the production of soft-serve ice cream, which was dished out from trucks across Great Britain under the brand Mr. Whippy.

The Conservative Party of Britain

Thatcher, who was one of the first female presidents of the Oxford University Conservative Association, gained the notice of the Conservative Party soon after her graduation. As a 24-year-old, she was the youngest candidate to stand for a seat in the House of Commons during the election of 1950. Adopting the slogan “Vote Right to Keep What’s Left,” Thatcher faced an uphill battle in the working-class district of Dartford, which leaned toward the opposition Labour Party. Although defeated, she garnered considerable media attention and praise for cutting the Labour majority by a third. She lost in Dartford again in 1951, but she finally won a seat in Parliament after running in the staunchly Conservative district of Finchley in northern London in 1959.

While studying law, Thatcher gave birth to twins

The Conservative Party of Britain

“There will not be a woman prime minister in my lifetime,” she told the Finchley Press in 1970. “The male population is too prejudiced.” Five years later, she supplanted former Prime Minister Edward Heath as Conservative leader, becoming the first woman to head a major British political party, and in 1979 she proved herself wrong by gaining the keys to 10 Downing Street.

After leading her party to victory in 1979, she won re-election in 1983 and 1987. When Thatcher resigned as Conservative leader and prime minister in 1990 following intra-party divisions over a controversial poll tax and the European Community, she had served 11 years and 209 days. That made her Britain’s longest continuously serving prime minister since Lord Liverpool, who led the country between 1812 and 1827.

The Conservative Party of Britain

Star Wars creator, George Lucas, was asked during a 2005 interview on a German news TV channel to say the famous sentence “May the Force Be with You.” Upon doing so, the interpreter interpreted the sentence into German as Am4 Mai sind wir bei Ihnen (On May 4 we are with you). TV Total captured this and aired it on May 18, 2005.

National Star Wars Day was first organized in Toronto, Ontario, Canada at the Toronto Underground Cinema in 2011.

Produced by Sean Ward and Alice Quinn, festivities included an Original Trilogy Trivia Game Show, a costume contest, and the web’s best tribute films, mash-ups, parodies, and remixes on the big screen.

May 4th was chosen because of the play on words.

THURSDAY

How many avocados do
Americans eat on May 5
for Cinco de Mayo?

5 Million

The avocado (*Persea americana*) originated in south-central Mexico, sometime between 7,000 and 5,000 B.C. But it was several millennia before this wild variety was cultivated. Archaeologists in Peru have found domesticated avocado seeds buried with Incan mummies dating back to 750 B.C. and there is evidence that avocados were cultivated in Mexico as early as 500 B.C.

Spanish conquistadores loved the fruit but couldn't pronounce it and changed the Aztec word to a more manageable aguacate, which eventually became avocado in English. The first English-language mention of avocado was by Sir Henry Sloane in 1696.

5 Million

Fast forward to 1871, when Judge R.B. Ord of Santa Barbara successfully introduced avocados to the U.S. with trees from Mexico. By the early 1900s, growers were seeing the avocado's commercial potential and ever since growers, enthusiasts and researchers have been hunting for improved varieties.

Today, California is the leading producer of domestic avocados and home to about 90 percent of the nation's crop. Most California Avocados are harvested on approximately 50,000 acres from Monterey through San Diego by nearly 3,000 growers. Ventura and San Diego top the list of avocado producing counties in California.

5 Million

California Avocados are grown year-round. A single California Avocado tree can produce up to 200 pounds of fresh fruit each year, approximately 500 pieces, although most average around 60 pounds or 150 pieces of fruit.

In 2002, the tree to which every Hass Avocado in the world can trace its lineage finally succumbed to root rot at the ripe old age of 76. Her offspring account for 95 percent of the avocados grown in California, and the fruit of her labor resulted in one of the state's most important industries. Yet, despite speculation to the contrary, nobody knows what variety of seed produced the original Hass Mother Tree.

The tree began life as lucky-find; a simple seed planted by A.R. Rideout of Whittier. Rideout, an innovator and pioneer in avocados, was always searching for new varieties and tended to plant whatever seeds he could find, often along streets or in neighbors' yards.

5 Million

In the late 1920s, Mr. Rudolph Hass, a postman, purchased a seed from Rideout, and planted it in his new orchard. He planned to graft another variety on it, but when repeated grafts didn't take he planned to cut the tree down. Fortunately for avocado lovers everywhere, Hass's children talked him out of it. They preferred the taste of the tree's fruit to that of the Fuerte, the predominant variety and industry standard in those days.

Today, the Hass accounts for about 80 percent of all avocados eaten worldwide and generates more than \$1 billion a year in revenues in the United States alone.



Who was the
first to run
one mile in
less than four
minutes?

Roger Bannister

In Oxford, England, 25-year-old medical student Roger Bannister cracks track and field's most notorious barrier: the four-minute mile.

Bannister, who was running for the Amateur Athletic Association against his alma mater, Oxford University, won the mile race with a time of 3 minutes and 59.4 seconds on May 6, 1954.

Roger Bannister, born in Harrow, England, in 1929, was a top mile-runner while a student at the University of Oxford and at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London.

In 1951 and 1953, he won British championships in the mile run.

Roger Bannister

As he prepared himself for his first competitive race of the 1954 season, Bannister researched the mechanics of running and trained using new scientific methods he developed.

Conditions were far from ideal; it had been windy and raining. A considerable crosswind was blowing across the track as the mile race was set to begin.

He went on to win British and Empire championships in the mile run, and the European title in the 1,500-meter event in 1954.

At the end of the year, he retired from athletic competition to pursue his medical career full time and in 1955 recounted his experiences in the book *The Four Minute Mile*.

He later earned a medical degree from Oxford and became a neurologist. In 1975, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. He died in March 2018, at age 88.



**WHEN WAS
THE FIRST
MOTHER'S
DAY?**

1914

On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issues a presidential proclamation that officially established the first national Mother's Day holiday to celebrate America's mothers.

The idea for a "Mother's Day" is credited by some to Julia Ward Howe (1872) and by others to Anna Jarvis (1907), who both suggested a holiday dedicated to a day of peace.

Many individual states celebrated Mother's Day by 1911, but it was not until Wilson lobbied Congress in 1914 that Mother's Day was officially set on the second Sunday of every May. In his first Mother's Day proclamation, Wilson stated that the holiday offered a chance to "[publicly express] our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

1914

Mother's Day spending is expected to total \$31.7 billion this year, up 13% from 2021 according to the annual consumer survey released by the National Retail Federation (NRF) and Prosper Insights & Analytics. Approximately 84% of U.S. adults are expected to celebrate Mother's Day.

In the United States, Mother's Day continues to be celebrated by presenting mothers and other women with gifts and flowers, and it has become one of the biggest holidays for consumer spending. Families also celebrate by giving mothers a day off from activities like cooking or other household chores.

***WHAT ORGANIC
MATERIAL IS FOUR
TIMES STRONGER
THAN CONCRETE?***



TUESDAY

Bones

The adult human body has 206 bones. Babies are born with 300 bones.

There are 26 bones in the human foot.

The human hand, including the wrist, contains 54 bones.

The femur, or thighbone, is the longest and strongest bone of the human skeleton.

The stapes, in the middle ear, is the smallest and lightest bone of the human skeleton.

Arms are among the most commonly broken bones, accounting for almost half of all adults' broken bones. The collarbone is the most commonly broken bone among children.

Bones

The only bone in the human body not connected to another is the hyoid, a V-shaped bone located at the base of the tongue.

Bones are made up of calcium, phosphorus, sodium, and other minerals, as well as the protein collagen.

Bones function as the skeleton of the human body, allow body parts to move and protect organs from impact damage. They also produce red and white blood cells.

The biggest joint in your body is your knee. It connects three bones: femur, tibia, and patella.

Your teeth are actually stronger than your bones.

Bones

Bones lose strength over time. Keeping them strong requires eating calcium-rich foods like dairy products, broccoli, and some fish. Exercise, especially weight-bearing exercise, helps keep bones strong, too.

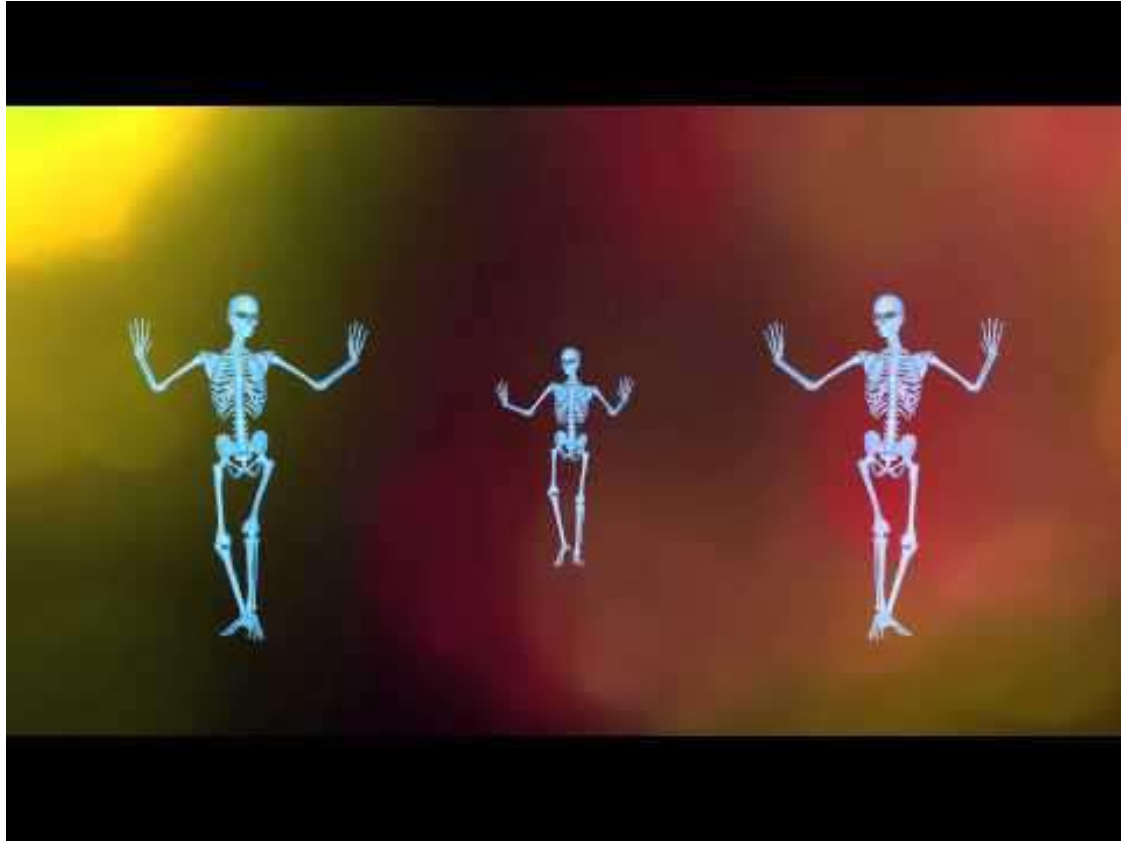
What's a funny bone, anyway?

It's not even a bone. It's your ulnar nerve, which runs inside your elbow. Hitting it triggers a surprisingly tingling, prickly pain.

Bones



Bones



HELLO ☺

Wednesday

What did Neil
Armstrong and
other astronauts
have to do
when they
returned to
earth?

Go Through Customs

Just what did Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins have to declare? Moon rocks, moon dust and other lunar samples, according to the customs form filed at the Honolulu Airport in Hawaii on July 24, 1969 — the day the Apollo 11 crew splashed down in the Pacific Ocean to end their historic moon landing mission.

The customs form is signed by all three Apollo 11 astronauts. They declared their cargo and listed their flight route as starting Cape Kennedy (now Cape Canaveral) in Florida with a stopover on the moon.

The form was posted to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website in 2009 to mark the Apollo 11 mission's 40th anniversary. A copy was obtained by Space.com at the time and verified by NASA. "Yes, it's authentic," NASA spokesperson John Yembrick told Space.com. "It was a little joke at the time."

Go Through Customs

It's more humor than fact, because Apollo 11 splashed down 920 miles (1,480 km) southwest of Hawaii and 13 miles (21 km) from the USS Hornet, a Navy ship sent to recover the crew. It took two more days for the astronauts to actually return to Hawaii on July 26, where they were welcomed with a July 27 ceremony at Pearl Harbor.

The astronauts were trapped inside a NASA trailer as part of a quarantine effort just in case they brought back any germs or diseases from the moon. They even wore special biological containment suits when they walked out on the deck of the USS Hornet after being retrieved.

NASA transported them to Houston, quarantine trailer and all, and they emerged from isolation three weeks later.

Go Through Customs

Today, NASA astronauts still have to go through customs, but for more conventional reasons.

Astronauts on missions headed for the International Space Station must train not only in the U.S., but also in Japan, Canada, Europe and Russia in order practice with the different systems, modules and tools they'll use while visiting the outpost, which is the product of 20 years of space construction by 16 different countries.

No matter what the mission, even astronauts have to go through customs, NASA officials said. As part of their routine airline flights to other countries and back, they of course encounter airport customs.

"They do have a government passport, but they do have to go through customs," NASA spokesperson Nicole Cloutier-Lemasters told Space.com. "Just like the rest of us."

GENERAL DECLARATION

(Outward/Inward)

AGRICULTURE, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Owner or Operator NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
 Marks of Nationality and Registration U.S.A. Flight No. APOLLO 11 Date JULY 24, 1969
 Departure from MOON Arrival at HONOLULU, HAWAII, U.S.A.
 (Place and Country) (Place and Country)

FLIGHT ROUTING

("Place" Column always to Net origin, every en-route stop and destination)

PLACE	TOTAL NUMBER OF CREW	NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON THIS STAGE	CARGO
CAPE KENNEDY	COMMANDER NEIL A. ARMSTRONG		
MOON	<i>Neil A. Armstrong</i>	Departure Place: Embarking NTL Through on same flight NTL	MOON ROCK AND MOON DUST SAMPLES - Cargo Manifest Attached
JULY 24, 1969 HONOLULU	COLONEL EDWIN E. ALDRIN, JR. <i>E. E. Aldrin Jr.</i>	Arrival Place: Disembarking NTL Through on same flight NTL	
	<i>Michael Collins</i> LT. COLONEL MICHAEL COLLINS		

Declaration of Health

Persons on board known to be suffering from illness other than airsickness or the effects of accidents, as well as those cases of illness disembarked during the flight:

NONE

Any other condition on board which may lead to the spread of disease:

TO BE DETERMINED

Details of each disinfecting or sanitary treatment (place, date, time, method) during the flight. If no disinfecting has been carried out during the flight give details of most recent disinfecting:

Signed, if required

Crew Member Concerned

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HONOLULU AIRPORT

Honolulu, Hawaii

ENTERED

Edward J. Mura
 Customs Inspector

I declare that all statements and particulars contained in this General Declaration, and in any supplementary forms required to be presented with this General Declaration are complete, exact and true to the best of my knowledge and that all through passengers will continue/have continued on the flight.



THURSDAY

Which US President
was first captured in
moving-picture film?

Teddy Roosevelt

On May 12, 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt's trip to San Francisco is captured on moving-picture film, making him one of the first presidents to have an official activity recorded in that medium.

A cameraman named H.J. Miles filmed the president while riding in a parade in his honor.

The resulting short movie was titled *The President's Carriage* and was later played on "nickelodeons" in arcades across America. The film showed Roosevelt riding in a carriage and escorted by the Ninth U.S. Cavalry Regiment, which was unusual for the time, according to the Library of Congress and contemporary newspapers, because it was an all-Black company.

Teddy Roosevelt

Roosevelt was the first president to take advantage of the impact motion pictures could have on the presidency. The photogenic president encouraged filmmakers to document his official duties and post-presidential personal activities until his death in 1919. He purposely played directly to the camera with huge gestures and thundering speeches.

The Library of Congress holds much of the original film footage, including that of his second inaugural ceremony in 1905, a visit to Panama in 1906 and an African safari in 1909. Roosevelt appeared on camera with many notable people of his time, including European kings and queens, as well as Hopi Indians and Masai warriors in Africa.

In 1912, Roosevelt's unsuccessful campaign for president on the Progressive ticket was also captured on film. Later that year, Roosevelt again made two presidential "firsts." On October 11, he became the first (former) president to not only fly in an airplane but also to be filmed while flying in an airplane.

Teddy Roosevelt

Even Roosevelt's funeral in Oyster Bay, New York, in 1919 was memorialized on camera. The filmmaker documented the procession and memorial service, and included shots of Roosevelt's successor, William Howard Taft.

Theodore Roosevelt was the 26th president of the United States. He became president in 1901 after the assassination of William McKinley, and the brash and independent Roosevelt quickly remade the presidency in his own image.

He Was America's first Cowboy President. He was born and raised in NYC. In his 20s, he went on a hunting trip in the Dakota Territory and ended up buying land and a ranch in what would become North Dakota. Through his hunting exploits and self-promoted heroics at the Battle of San Juan Hill, Roosevelt cultivated an image of himself as an avid outdoorsman and cowboy soldier.

Teddy Roosevelt

He Was the First US President to Win a Nobel Peace Prize. Although Roosevelt was famously aggressive in his foreign policy (he famously said, “Speak softly and carry a big stick”), he also proved to be a skilled diplomat. When Russia went to war with Japan in 1904, Roosevelt offered his services as an arbitrator. After initial resistance, both sides came to the bargaining table in New Hampshire in 1905, where Roosevelt brokered the peace settlement that won him the Nobel Prize.

He Spared a Bear and Inspired the Teddy Bear. In 1902, Roosevelt was invited on a bear-hunting trip to Mississippi but struck out. Feeling bad for the president, one of his assistants cornered an older black bear with dogs and tied it to a tree for Roosevelt to shoot. The president refused, seeing it as terribly unsportsmanlike. The story was picked up by the press and immortalized in a political cartoon by Clifford Berryman with the caption, “Drawing the line in Mississippi.” A candy store owner in New York named Morris Michtom, who also made stuffed animals with his wife, decided to dedicate a black bear doll to the president named “Teddy’s Bear.” With Roosevelt’s blessing, Michtom mass-produced the teddy bear and sold it worldwide, using its success to found the Ideal Toy Company.

Teddy Roosevelt

He Helped Save Football. Teddy Roosevelt, like other Ivy League elite, loved the new game of American football, but he also worried about the sport's unchecked violence. Played without pads or helmets, football was a dangerous, even deadly game at the turn of the 20th century. From 1900 to October 1905, 45 football players died from on-field injuries including broken necks, concussions and internal bleeding. Following the tragic death in November 1905 of Union College footballer Harold Moore, high-profile colleges like Columbia, Duke and Northwestern suspended their football programs, and it looked like Harvard, Roosevelt's alma mater, would follow suit. Roosevelt called a White House meeting in December 1905 with football coaches and league officials to discuss rule changes that could save the game from extinction. While Roosevelt himself didn't come up with the new rules, he was a keen supporter of the game-changing reforms, which included the introduction of the forward pass, and calling a play dead when a player was tackled instead of allowing pile-on scrums, where most of the injuries occurred.

Teddy Roosevelt

He Championed Conservation. A passionate outdoorsman, hunter and rancher, Roosevelt was a vocal and aggressive advocate for land and nature conservation. During his presidency alone, Roosevelt protected 230 million acres of public land, which included the creation of the U.S. Forest Service and the unveiling of five new National Parks. Not only did Roosevelt take action during his seven-year presidency to protect iconic American landmarks like the Yosemite Valley and the Grand Canyon, but he passed the American Antiquities Act of 1906 which gave future presidents sprawling powers to safeguard important natural and cultural sites as national monuments.

He Became an Anti-Corporate Crusader. A century before progressive politicians railed against corporate greed and unfair competition, Teddy Roosevelt was busting up monopolies. The Sherman Anti-Trust Act was passed 10 years before Roosevelt entered the White House, but he became the first to use the Justice Department to break apart a big-time monopoly.



What is the
fear of Friday
the 13th
called?

Friggatriskaidekaphobia or Paraskevidekatriaphobia

Friggatriskaidekaphobia comes from Frigg, the Norse goddess of wisdom after whom Friday is named, and the Greek words triskaideka, meaning 13, and phobia, meaning fear.

Paraskevidekatriaphobia is also derived from Greek: paraskeví translates as Friday, and dekatria is another way of saying 13.

Experts say that friggatriskaidekaphobia affects millions of people and estimate that businesses, especially airlines, suffer from severe losses on Friday the 13th.

Triskaidekaphobia, or the fear of the number 13, is even more widespread. So much so that many high-rise buildings, hotels, and hospitals skip the 13th floor, and many airports do not have gates numbered 13. In many parts of the world, having 13 people at the dinner table is considered bad luck.

Friggatriskaidekaphobia or Paraskevidekatriaphobia

All years will have at least one Friday the 13th. The good news is that there cannot be more than three Friday the 13ths in any given calendar year. The longest one can go without seeing a Friday the 13th is 14 months.

2021 had one Friday the 13th—in August.

Today is the only Friday the 13th in 2022.

Alfred Hitchcock was born on Friday, August 13, 1899. Other celebrities and well-known personalities born of Friday the 13th include actors Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen; novelist and playwright, Samuel Beckett; and former President of Cuba, Fidel Castro.

Friggatriskaidekaphobia or Paraskevidekatriaphobia

When 99942 Apophis was discovered in 2004, it was thought to have a small chance of colliding with Earth. But you can rest easy because since then, scientists have revised their findings which show that there is absolutely no risk of the asteroid impacting the Earth or the Moon. It will fly by the earth on Friday, April 13, 2029.

Since 1995, Finland has dedicated one Friday the 13th in a year to observe National Accident Day. The day aims to raise awareness about safety—on the roads, at home, and at the workplace.

The commercially successful Friday the 13th enterprise includes 12 horror movies, a television series, and several books that focus on curses and superstitions. Even though the films and the television series consistently received negative reviews from critics, they have a considerable following. The mask worn by the key character in the movies, Jason Voorhees, is one of the most known images in popular culture.

Friggatriskaidekaphobia or Paraskevidekatriaphobia

The first documented mention of the day can be found in a biography of Italian composer Gioachino Rossini, who died on a Friday, November 13, 1868.

A 1907 book, Friday the Thirteenth, by American businessman Thomas Lawson, may have further perpetuated the superstition.

Others believe that the myth has Biblical origins. Jesus was crucified on a Friday, and there were 13 people at the Last Supper the night before his crucifixion.



**WHAT STATE
HAS A ONE-
SYLLABLE
NAME?**

Maine

How many states start with the letter M?

Eight - Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, and Montana.

In addition to the 50 states, how many US territories are there?

14 territories and a federal district. Puerto Rico, The US Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Baker Island, Jarvis Island, Howland Island, Johnson Atoll, American Samoa, Midway Atoll, Palmyra Atoll, Kingman Reef, Wake Island, and Navassa Island.

The United States is broken down into six regions. What are they?

Maine

New England, the Southern States, the Mid-Atlantic States, the Midwestern States, the Southwestern States, and the Western States.

The first phone book and the first newspaper in the United States were in what state?

Connecticut

Kansas is flatter than a pancake, but it is not the flattest state in the country. Do you know which state is?

Which state has the most lakes?

Alaska with more than 3 million.

***HOW LONG
CAN A SNAIL
SLEEP?***



TUESDAY

Three Years

They sleep for around 25 minutes at a time, around seven times every 13 hours. After this “rest period,” they would then be able to go for 33-41 hours before having to repeat their seven naps.

Since a snail is so dependent on staying moist, estivation is a useful tool used during dry spells during the most extreme weather swings (both hot and cold) during the year.

HOW MUCH ANIMALS SLEEP

23 hours 16 hours 8 hours 1 hour 30 min





HELLO 😊

Wednesday

How
many
seconds
are in a
year?

31,557,600 seconds

Slugs have four noses.

A hippopotamus can run faster than a man.

Kangaroos can't walk backwards.

Every step you take uses 200 different muscles in the body.

A group of frogs is called an army.

An average yawn lasts six seconds.

A Tiger's skin is striped, like it's fur.

31,557,600 seconds

The city of Bangkok in Thailand has the longest name in the world and is actually called Krung Thep Mahanakhon Amon Rattanakosin Mahinthara Yuthaya Mahadilok Phop Noppharat Ratchathani Burirom Udomratchaniwet Mahasathan Amon Piman Awatan Sathit Sakkathattiya Witsanukam Prasit.

The smallest country in the world is the Vatican City in Rome, Italy. It's only about 109 acres.

The world's heaviest carrot grown by Christopher Qualley in the USA weighed 10.7kg (or 22.44 lb).

The sunset on Mars appears blue.

31,557,600 seconds

Stomach acid is strong enough to dissolve some metals.

Children have more taste buds than adults.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Polar bears are left-handed, or rather left-pawed.

There are nearly 2,000 thunderstorms on Earth every minute.

A bolt of lightning is five times hotter than the sun.

Gorillas burp when they are happy.

31,557,600 seconds

Cockroaches have white blood.

Cows can walk up the stairs but can't go down the stairs.

Monkeys can go bald in old age like humans.

The colossal squid has the largest eyes in the world.

Anteaters have no teeth.

Baby elephants suck their trunks much like human babies suck their thumbs for comfort.

31,557,600 seconds

Sloths are excellent swimmers and can hold their breath for up to forty minutes underwater.

Applesauce was the first food eaten in space by astronauts.

One day on Venus is almost as long as 8 months on Earth.

It takes Jupiter only 10 hours to complete a rotation around its axis, making it the fastest spinning planet in the solar system.

A jar of Nutella sells every 2.5 seconds

31,557,600 seconds

The world's longest French fry is 34-inches long.

French fries originated in Belgium, not France.

Ripe cranberries can bounce like a ball.

Before 1913, it was possible for parents to mail their kids to their grandparents through postal services.

Number four is the only one with the same amount of letters.

You pass gas on average 14 times a day, and each one travels from your body at 7 mph.

31,557,600 seconds

Your heart beats about 115,000 times every day.

Babe Ruth was the first baseball player to hit a home run in the All-Star game, at Chicago's Comiskey Park in 1933.

Nearly six million Jews were killed in World War-II.

Ching Shih is believed to be the world's most successful pirate in history and was a woman.

Before becoming the 40th American President, Ronald Reagan served as a lifeguard and saved around 77 people from drowning.

31,557,600 seconds

The early hockey pucks were made from cow fecal matter.

Abraham Lincoln – the 16th American President was a licensed bartender. He was also a wrestling champion too.

Pineapples were a status symbol in 18th century England.

Black Death wiped out nearly 75 million Europeans, that's more than one-third of Europe's population, in the Middle Ages.

Wearing headphones for just an hour could increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.

THURSDAY

Who is the NHL
all-time highest
scorer?

Wayne Gretzky

Wayne Gretzky was born in 1961 in Branford, Ontario.

He played in the NHL from 1979-1999, obtaining one of the best NHL careers the world has ever seen.

He was on the Edmonton Oilers for a large portion of his career, leading them to four Stanley Cups (1984, 1985, 1987 and 1988) before being traded to the Los Angeles Kings in 1988.

He briefly played on the St. Louis Blues for the 1996 season, but finished off his career with the New York Rangers for one final year.



Wayne Gretzky

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In his NHL career, Gretzky scored 894 goals and 1,963 assists.

In 1982, he broke the record for most season points, surpassing 200 points for the first time. In fact, even to this day Gretzky holds the top four slots for season points.



Wayne Gretzky

Gretzky has a total of 2,857 points, the highest score by a long shot.

The player with the second highest points is Czech Jaromir Jagr at 1,921.

This means that Gretzky has more assists than any other player has career points. To put things into perspective, the player with the most points in the recent 2017-18 NHL season is 21-year-old Connor McDavid, racking up 108 points in only his third season. However, in Gretzky's third season, he collected 212.





Where did
rodeos
originate?

Spain

Rodeos in America didn't start until the 1800's when Spanish settlers began to organize these events that had been traditional in Spain.

The word 'rodeo' is the Spanish word for "round-up".

The difference between American and Spanish rodeos had to do with speed vs style. Spanish rodeos are all about how well you perform the tasks of rounding up cattle, while American rodeos are all about how fast the rider can perform a roundup.

Rodeos in America came from Wild West Shows.

Spain

In the late 1800's in America, Wild West Shows with familiar names like Buffalo Bill Cody and Bill Pickett toured the country. Rodeos weren't competitions at the time, so rodeos hired and paid their performers. These Wild West Shows then started touring Europe starting in the 1900's to great success. All this while helping to develop the modern idea of what people now think of as cowboys and the wild wild west.

One of the most famous women in rodeos was Annie Oakley, the Peerless Lady Wing-Shot, who toured with Buffalo Bills Wild West Show. Annie Oakley helped define the look of what our modern day image of what a cowgirl is. Other women of this time period often rode bulls and broncs, and roped steers against male competitors, and often won!

Spain

Today's Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeos are required to include calf roping, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding and steer wrestling. There are even optional events that include steer roping and team roping.

The PBR (professional Bull Riding) is the biggest and most profitable bull riding event.

Most of the animals used in Rodeos are domesticated and not actually aggressive. However, they are provoked to behave that way.

There are rules that regulates the handling of the animals which were first put by Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) in 1947.

Spain

All professional rodeos are governed by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or PRCA.

Bull riding has become rodeo's most popular contest.





**WHAT NATURAL
DISASTER IS
CAUSED BY
ANOTHER
NATURAL
DISASTER?**

Tsunami

A tsunami is caused by an earthquake.

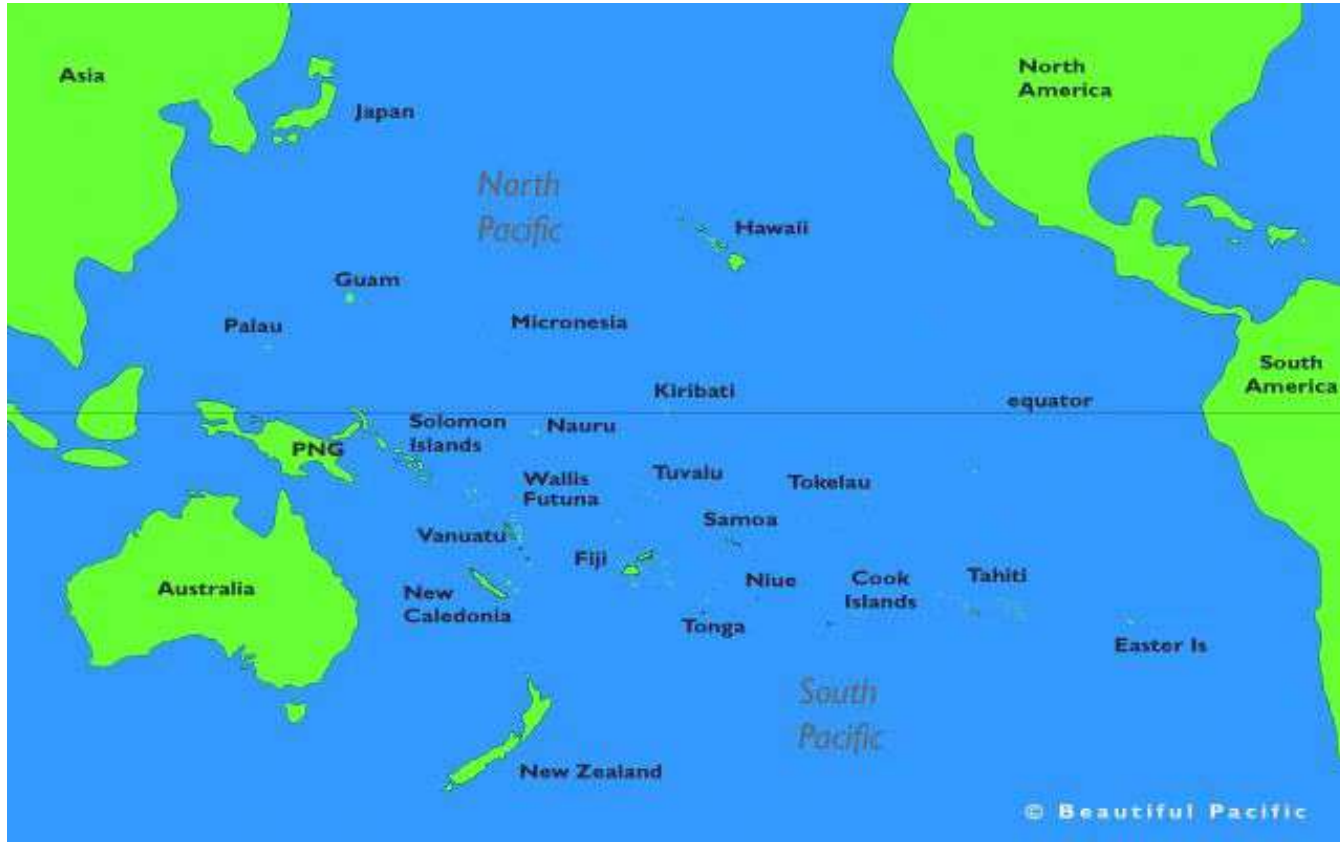
On May 23, 1960, a tsunami caused by an earthquake off the coast of Chile travels across the Pacific Ocean and kills 61 people in Hilo, Hawaii.

The massive 9.5-magnitude quake, involving a severe plate shift, had killed thousands in Chile the previous day at 3:11 p.m.

It caused a large displacement of water off the coast of southern Chile. Traveling at speeds in excess of 400 miles per hour, the tsunami moved west and north.

On the west coast of the United States, the waves caused an estimated \$1 million in damages, but were not deadly.

Tsunami



Tsunami

The Pacific Tsunami Warning System, established in 1948 in response to another deadly tsunami, worked properly and warnings were issued to Hawaiians six hours before the wave's expected arrival.

Some people ignored the warnings, however, and others actually headed to the coast in order to view the wave.

Arriving only a minute after predicted, the tsunami destroyed Hilo Bay on the island of Hawaii. Thirty-five-foot waves bent parking meters to the ground and wiped away most buildings. A 10-ton tractor was swept out to sea. Reports indicate that the 20-ton boulders making up the sea wall were moved 500 feet. Sixty-one people died in Hilo, the worst-hit area of the island chain.

Tsunami

The tsunami continued to race further west across the Pacific. Ten thousand miles away from the earthquake's epicenter, Japan, despite ample warning time, was not able to warn the people in harm's way. At about 6 p.m., more than a day after the earthquake, the tsunami struck the Japanese islands of Honshu and Hokkaido. The crushing wave killed 180 people, left 50,000 more homeless and caused \$400 million in damages.

This was the worst Tsunami in world history until 2004.

Tsunami

At 7:59 AM on December 26, 2004, a 9.1-magnitude earthquake—one of the largest ever recorded—ripped through an undersea fault in the Indian Ocean, propelling a massive column of water toward unsuspecting shores. The Boxing Day tsunami would be the deadliest in recorded history, taking a staggering 230,000 lives in a matter of hours.

The city of Banda Aceh on the northern tip of Sumatra was closest to the powerful earthquake's epicenter and the first waves arrived in just 20 minutes. It's nearly impossible to imagine the 100-foot roiling mountain of water that engulfed the coastal city of 320,000, instantly killing more than 100,000 men, women and children.

Tsunami

Thailand was next. With waves traveling 500 mph across the Indian Ocean, the tsunami hit the coastal provinces of Phang Nga and Phuket an hour and a half later. Despite the time lapse, locals and tourists were caught completely unaware of the imminent destruction. Curious beachgoers even wandered out among the oddly receding waves, only to be chased down by a churning wall of water. The death toll in Thailand was nearly 5,400 including 2,000 foreign tourists.

An hour later, on the opposite side of the Indian Ocean, the waves struck the southeastern coast of India near the city of Chennai, pushing debris-choked water kilometers inland and killing more than 10,000 people, mostly women and children, since many of the men were out fishing.

Tsunami

But some of the worst devastation was reserved for the island nation of Sri Lanka, where more than 30,000 people were swept away by the waves and hundreds of thousands left homeless.

As proof of the record-breaking strength of the tsunami, the last victims of the Boxing Day disaster perished nearly eight hours later when swelling seas and rogue waves caught swimmers by surprise in South Africa, 5,000 miles from the quake's epicenter.



***WHAT IS THE
BEST-SELLING
VIDEO GAME
EVER?***



Minecraft

Its creator Marcus Alexej Persson (a.k.a Notch), recorded over \$238 million in sales.

It also remains the most played game across all platforms.

What political candidate used the game Burnout Paradise to advertise his campaign?

Barack Obama in 2008.

What is the best-selling gaming console?

PlayStation 2 with over 157.68 million units sold worldwide.

Minecraft

What was the first game/device played in space?

In 1993, the Gameboy's Tetris was the first-ever game played in space. It came aboard the Soyuz TM-17 rocket meeting the MIR Space Station. Russian cosmonaut Serebrov A. Aleksandr was the first to play it.

Which console was the first to have an RPG (role-playing game)?

Atari 26, 1982, Dragonstomper for Atari 2600.

In 2009, a Japanese man (27 years old) took his love for video games to a whole new level. He married the video game character Nene Anegasaki (of Love Plus - Nintendo DS) over a Livestream – becoming the first- known gamer to do that.

Minecraft

What was the original name developers planned to name Pac-Man?

Puckman. Due to this game's character resemblance to a hockey puck, its developers initially planned to name it "Puckman." However, they later changed it to Pac-Man because of the concern that vandals may deface the name.

True or False - Minecraft's overworld surface area is over 9 million times larger than earth's actual surface.

True - Minecraft survivalist creative game has a large surface area that is 9,258,235 times bigger than the earth. The game's idea is to create infinite possibilities, so its size fits this narrative.

HELLO ☺

Wednesday

What is the
average age
of a first
time
homebuyer?

45 Years Old

The largest cohort of homebuyers (26%) is between ages 30 to 39.

Twenty-three percent of buyers are ages 40 to 49.

Another 23% are over age 60.

Only 7% of buyers are Black; 73% are white.

The national median household income in 2019 was \$65,700, according to Zillow.

Of those who purchased a house in 2021, 45% have a four-year college degree, while 34% don't.

45 Years Old

More than half (57%) of homebuyers are married or partnered. While 40% have a child under the age of 18 living with them, they're more likely to have a pet: 57% have at least one dog and 39% have a cat.

Forty percent of homebuyers live in the south, with 23% each in the west and midwest. Only 15% of buyers live in the northeast.

Nearly 40% of buyers stayed in the same city but switched neighborhoods, while 19% moved to a new city within their metro area. Only 15% percent of buyers moved to a different state, up from 11% in 2019.

Please forgive any typos.

I will be doing new questions for the 2022-23 school year as my program is a two year program.

Of course, these questions will need to be adjusted/updates for years to come, but they will be a good starting point.