

Trivia

It took a year to connect the first telephone line from New York to San Francisco. Approximately 14,000 miles of copper wire and 130,000 telephone poles were needed to link the country.

Food typically travels from the mouth, through the esophagus, and into the stomach in seven seconds.

Cloud-to-cloud lightning can stretch over amazing distances. Radar has recorded at least one of these "crawlers" that was more than 75 miles long.

A "Robin Hood" in archery is when two arrows are shot into a target, and the second arrow splits the first.

Leo Tolstoy, author of *War and Peace*, left all his possessions to the stump of a tree.

One million threads of fiber-optic cable can fit in a tube ½" in diameter.

In 1956, Johnny Mathis decided to record an album instead of answering an invitation to try out for the U.S. Olympic team as a high jumper.

Gerald Ford was the only person to serve as both president and vice president without being elected to either position.

The average dollar bill lasts a little less than two years before it is worn out and pulled from circulation.

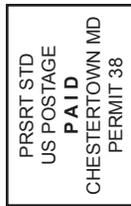
The British royal family changed its name from "Saxe-Coburg and Gotha" to "Windsor" in 1917 (during World War I) because the original name sounded too German.

The human eye blinks 3.7 million times per year.

A raisin dropped into a glass of a carbonated drink will float up and down continually from the bottom of the glass to the top.

Traces of peanuts can be found in dynamite.

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Dates in History

- 1502** On January 1st, Portugese explorers landed at Guanabara Bay on the coast of South America and named it Rio de Janeiro (River of January). Rio de Janeiro is currently Brazil's second largest city.
- 1579** On January 25th, Holland, Zeeland, Utrecht, Gelderland, Friesland, Groningen and Overijssel formed the (Protestant) Dutch Republic with the signing of the Union of Utrecht to defend their rights against Catholic Spain.
- 1649** At the conclusion of the English Civil War, King Charles I was brought before a high court of justice at Westminster Hall on charges of treason on January 20th. Charles was found guilty and condemned as "a tyrant, traitor, murderer, and public enemy" and was beheaded several days later in front of Whitehall Palace in London.
- 1773** Capitan James Cook entrusted astronomer William Wales with a new marine chronometer, the K1, recently completed by Larcum Kendall. With the new technology, Cook's ship Resolution became the first vessel to cross the Antarctic Circle on January 17th.
- 1925** On January 5th, Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming became the first female governor inaugurated in the country. She remains Wyoming's only female governor. Ross later served as director of the United States Mint from 1933 to 1953. She is known for establishing the Franklin half dollar.
- 2007** On January 31st, *Cars.com* named its top 10 most memorable TV cars; a 1982 Pontiac Trans Am named KITT from the show "Knight Rider" topped the list.

On the Lighter Side

A photon walks into a hotel. The desk clerk says, "Can we help you with your luggage?" The photon says, "No, thanks. I'm traveling light."

I gave all my dead batteries away. . .
They were free of charge!

A man takes his sick Chihuahua to the veterinarian. They're immediately taken back to a room. Soon, a Labrador walks in, sniffs the Chihuahua for 10 minutes and leaves. Then a cat comes in, stares at the Chihuahua for 10 minutes and leaves. Finally, the doctor comes in, prescribes some medicine and hands the man a bill for \$250. "This must be a mistake," the man says. "I've been here only 20 minutes!" "No mistake," the doctor says. "It's \$100 for the lab test, \$100 for the cat scan and \$50 for the medicine."

Our wedding was so beautiful. . .
Even the cake was in tiers.

A man went to visit a friend and was amazed to find him playing chess with his dog. The man watched the game in astonishment for a while. "I can hardly believe my eyes!" he said. "That's the smartest dog I've ever seen." "He's not so smart," the friend replied. "I've beaten him three games out of five."

My doctor said I had type A blood. . .
But it was a type O.

A cruise ship passes by a remote island, and all the passengers see a bearded man running around and waving his arms wildly. "Captain," one passenger asks, "who is that man over there?" "I have no idea," the captain says, "but he goes nuts every year when we pass him."

What do you call a cow with only two legs?
Lean beef.