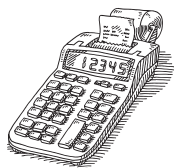


Trivia

A TI-83 calculator has six times more processing power than the computer that landed Apollo 11, the first spaceflight to land humans on the moon.



In Switzerland, it is illegal to own only one guinea pig because they are prone to loneliness.

The state of Texas is larger than any country in Europe.

Bananas grow toward the sun against gravity, which gives the fruit its curved shape. This growth phenomenon is called either 'negative geotropism' or 'heliotropism.'

The University of Bologna, located in Italy, is the oldest university in the world. It was founded in 1088.

Indonesia is made up of more than 17,000 islands.

Each of the suits on a deck of cards represents the four major pillars of the economy in the middle ages: hearts represented the Church, spades represented the military, clubs represented agriculture, and diamonds represented the merchant class.

Cats have five toes on their front paws, but they have only four toes on their back two paws.

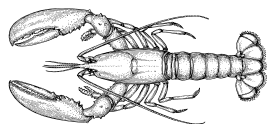
Want to make that cut heal faster? Put a little sugar on it before wrapping it in a bandaid. This lets the sugar crystals help out the body by absorbing the moisture that bacteria would normally consume.

Peanuts are used to make dynamite. Their oil is extracted to make glycerol, from which the explosive compound nitroglycerine is obtained.

When a butterfly emerges from its chrysalis, its wings are small, and the butterfly cannot yet fly. The butterfly pumps fluids from its abdomen through veins in its wings to expand the wings to their full size.

The Windy City (Chicago) isn't named after its weather. Journalists coined the term in the 1800s to criticize the people in Chicago as "full of hot air."

During colonial times in America, lobster was so plentiful, and therefore so cheap, that it was often served to prisoners.



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Dates in History

1859 On June 30, Jean Francois Gravelet, a Frenchman known professionally as Charles Blondin, became the first daredevil to walk across Niagara Falls on a tightrope. The feat, which was performed 160 feet above the Niagara gorge just down river from the Falls, was witnessed by some 5,000 spectators. Wearing pink tights and a yellow tunic, Blondin crossed a cable about two inches in diameter and 1,100-feet long with only a balancing pole to protect him from plunging into the dangerous rapids below.

1963 On June 20, to lessen the threat of an accidental nuclear war, the United States and the Soviet Union agree to establish a "hot line" communication system between the two nations. The agreement was a small step in reducing tensions between the United States and the USSR following the October 1962 Missile Crisis in Cuba, which had brought the two nations to the brink of nuclear war.

1966 On June 13, the U.S. Supreme Court hands down its decision in *Miranda v. Arizona*, establishing the principle that all criminal suspects must be advised of their rights before interrogation. Now considered standard police procedure, "You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can, and will, be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford one, one will be appointed to you," has been heard so many times in television and film dramas that it has become almost cliché.

2006 On June 19, on the remote island of Spitsbergen halfway between mainland Norway and the North Pole, the prime ministers of Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, and Iceland lay the ceremonial first stone of the Global Seed Vault. The vault, which now has the capacity to hold 2.25 billion seeds, is intended to "provide insurance against both incremental and catastrophic loss of crop diversity."

On the Lighter Side



If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving isn't for you.

You'll always stay young if you live honestly, eat slowly, sleep sufficiently, work industriously, worship faithfully, and lie about your age.

I threw a ball for my dog. Sure, it was a bit extravagant I know, but it was his birthday and he looks great in a dinner jacket.

My husband and I were happy for 20 years. And then we met.

I heard there were a bunch of break-ins over at the parking garage. That is wrong on so many levels.

It doesn't matter what temperature the room is, it's always room temperature.

My wife likes it when I blow air on her when she's hot, but honestly... I'm not a fan.

The problem with kleptomaniacs is that they always take things literally.

Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

Adam and Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.

Smoking will kill you... Bacon will kill you... And yet, smoking bacon will cure it.



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