

Trivia

Wisconsin is known as the Badger State because the area's lead miners used to spend winters in tunnels burrowed into hills. Like badgers.



Shakespeare invented over 1,700 words, including "eyeball," "fashionable," "lonely," and "swagger." His linguistic creativity literally expanded human expression, demonstrating how individual minds can reshape entire languages and influence communication for centuries.

The Antikythera mechanism, discovered by sponge divers in 1900, is sometimes called the world's first analog computer. Designed to calculate dates and predict astronomical phenomena, it was so advanced nothing surpassed it for almost 1500 years.

The deep-sea-dwelling goblin shark has a jaw that shoots outward to grab prey in what scientists have dubbed "slingshot feeding." It can deploy its jaw at 10.1 feet per second—roughly twice the speed that New York City pedestrians walk.

The first Hershey's chocolate bars with almonds were produced in 1908 because they were cheap to make. The nuts took the place of some of the more expensive milk chocolate, which meant Hershey's could keep the price of the candy at a nickel.

If you adjust for inflation, *Gone With the Wind* is the highest-grossing movie of all time, earning approximately \$1.8 billion.

When he's not busy predicting the weather at Gobbler's Knob, Punxsutawney Phil—America's most famous groundhog—lives in the town library with his wife, Phyllis.

George H.W. Bush despised broccoli so much, he had it banned from the White House and Air Force One during his presidency.

F. Scott Fitzgerald's full name is Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald. He was named after his distant relative Francis Scott Key, who wrote the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner."

TASER is an acronym: It stands for 'Thomas A. Swift's Electric Rifle.'

The boiling point for water at the top of Mt. Everest is 162°F, about 50 degrees below the boiling point at sea level.



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Dates in History

1926 On June 1, Marilyn Monroe was born Norma Jeane Mortenson, in Los Angeles, California. After a difficult childhood in foster care, she married James Dougherty at 16 and was later discovered by a photographer while working in a wartime factory, launching a modeling career. She signed with 20th Century Fox in 1946, dyed her hair blonde, and adopted the name Marilyn Monroe.

She rose to fame with roles in *The Asphalt Jungle* (1950), *All About Eve* (1950), and her breakout performance in *Niagara* (1953), followed by hits like *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Monroe briefly married baseball star Joe DiMaggio in 1954 and later playwright Arthur Miller.

Known as one of Hollywood's biggest icons, she earned critical praise in *Bus Stop* (1956) and *Some Like It Hot* (1959). Her final film was *The Misfits* (1961). Monroe died of a barbiturate overdose on August 5, 1962, at age 36.

1942 On June 12, Anne Frank received a diary for her 13th birthday in Amsterdam. A month later, her family went into hiding from the Nazis during World War II. Discovered in 1944 by the Gestapo, they were sent to Auschwitz. Anne later died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945. Her father, Otto Frank, later published her diary as *The Diary of a Young Girl*, which has been translated into more than 75 languages.

2001 On June 22, *The Fast and the Furious* debuted in U.S. theaters. Directed by Rob Cohen, the film stars Paul Walker as undercover cop Brian O'Connor, who infiltrates Los Angeles' illegal street-racing scene to investigate truck hijackings led by Dominic Toretto, played by Vin Diesel. The movie features iconic cars like a 1995 Mitsubishi Eclipse, a 1993 Mazda RX-7 Twin Turbo, and a 1969/1970 Dodge Charger. Inspired by the 1998 *Vibe* magazine article "Racer X" by Kenneth Li, the film highlighted the rising street-racing culture and became a surprise box-office hit that launched a major franchise.

On the Lighter Side



What computer sings the best? A-Dell

The NSA: a government organization that actually listens to you.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away if you throw it hard enough...

I wish my wallet came with free refills.

How come it's called thrift store shopping instead of Good Will hunting?

As my late father used to say, "Don't buy a cheap watch."

I just found out that you don't need any training to be a garbage collector. You just sort of pick it up as you go along.

Experts say rest days between workouts are vital to mind and body. I've taken 823 in a row, and I feel incredible.

A lot of people are afraid of heights. Not me, I'm afraid of widths.

I'm sick of following my dreams. I'm just going to ask them where they're going and hook up with them later.

I went to the General store, but they wouldn't let me buy anything specific.

There's a fine line between hyphenated words.

What if soy milk were just regular milk introducing itself in Spanish?

