## Trivia

#### did you know that ...

Although Nova Scotia was granted the British Empire's first flag by King Charles I in 1625, Canada did not have a national flag until February 15, 1965, when its maple leaf flag was adopted by its parliament. Before that, the red ensign, a British maritime flag, was in general use.

The country with the largest number of WWII casualities was Russia, with over 21 million.

The Air Force was part of the Army in WWII and didn't become a separate branch of the military until after the war.

While initially created for college students, Facebook users over the age 26 now represent 60% of the total U.S. Facebook population.

Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, PA has the U.S. college lowest acceptance rate at 4%.

Ancient Greeks and Romans originally used the term "Africa" to apply only to the northern region of the continent. In Latin, the word Africa means "sunny," and the word Aphrike in Greek means "without cold."

Since vampire bats have to drink as much as their own weight in blood every day, a human vampire like Dracula would have to drink the blood of a whole table full of guests every night just to keep going.

Presidents William McKinley, Grover Cleveland, and James Madison are on the \$500, \$1000, and \$5000 bill, respectively. The bills are still used as legal tender but are no longer being printed.

On average, the moon is 238,750 miles (384,400 km) from Earth, or about 30 Earth widths away.



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# Product Spotlight

#### **Frac Fittings**

Application:	Supplying water and sand slurry to a hydraulic fracturing site.
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### Dates in History

**1823** On December 2nd, during his annual address to Congress, President James Monroe proclaimed a new U.S. foreign policy initiative that became known as the "Monroe Doctrine." Primarily the work of Secretary of State John Quincy Adams, the Monroe Doctrine forbade European interference in the American hemisphere but also asserted U.S. neutrality in regard to future European conflicts.

**1884** On December 6th, in Washington, D.C., workers placed a nine-inch aluminum pyramid atop a tower of white marble, completing the construction of an impressive monument to the city's namesake and the nation's first president, George Washington.

**1965** On December 9th, the Cincinnati Reds traded outfielder Frank Robinson to the Baltimore Orioles, in exchange for the pitchers Milt Pappas and Jack Baldschun and the outfielder Dick Simpson. The trade was widely regarded as one of the worst in major league baseball history.

## On the Lighter Side

#### Ways To Annoy

Specify that your drive-through order is "to go."

 $Push\ all\ the\ flat\ Lego\ pieces\ together\ tightly.$ 

Leave your turn signal on for fifty miles.

Declare your apartment an independent nation, and sue your neighbors upstairs for "violating your airspace".

Follow a few paces behind someone, spraying everything they touch with Lysol.

Holler random numbers while someone is counting.

Staple papers in the middle of the page.

Set alarms for random times.

Honk and wave to strangers.

Decline to be seated at a restaurant, and simply eat their complimentary mints by the cash register.

ONLY TYPE IN UPPERCASE.

only type in lowercase.

Write "X - BURIED TREASURE" in random spots on all of someone's roadmaps.

Stand over someone's shoulder, mumbling, as they read.

Drive half a block.

Leave your Christmas lights up and lit until September.

Sit in your front yard pointing a hair dryer at passing cars to see if they slow down.

Chew on pens that you've borrowed.

Select the same song on the jukebox fifty times.

Make appointments for the 31st of September.

While making presentations, occasionally bob your head like a parakeet.

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