Trivia

When he was 24 years old, Abraham Lincoln served as the postmaster of New Salem, Illinois, for which he was paid an annual salary of \$55.70.

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

From its completion in 125 A.D. until 1958, the Pantheon's domed ceiling was the largest unsupported concrete span in the world. It was surpassed only with the construction of the CNIT building in Paris.

The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.

Grand Rapids, Michigan was the 1st US city to fluoridate its water in 1945.

A chimpanzee can learn to recognize itself in a mirror, but monkeys can't.

Aunt Jemima pancake flour, invented in 1889, was the first ready-mix food to be sold commercially.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

The Eiffel Tower receives a fresh coat of 300 tons of reddish-green paint every seven years.

The Museum of Modern Art in New York City hung Matisse's 'Le Bateau' upside-down for 47 days before an art student noticed the error.

A woodpecker can peck twenty times a second.





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Dates in History

- **1811** On July 5th, Venezuela became the 1st South American country to gain independence from Spain.
- **1817** On July 4th, construction began on the Erie Canal.
- **1892** On July 10th, the 1st concrete-paved street was built in Bellefountaine, Ohio.
- **1934** On July 1st, the 1st x-ray photo of an entire body was taken in Rochester, New York.
- **1981** On July 7th, the 1st solar-powered aircraft, Solar Challenger, crossed the English Channel.
- **1991** On July 11th, a total solar eclipse was seen from Hawaii.

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On the Lighter Side

Quotes taken from actual medical records

- By the time he was admitted, his rapid heart rate had stopped, and he was feeling better.
- On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.
- When she fainted, her eyes rolled around the room.
- The patient has no past history of suicide.
- The patient was in his usual state of good health until his airplane ran out of gas and crashed.

The wisdom of children

- When you want something expensive, ask your grandparents. *Matthew, age 12*
- When your Dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?", don't answer him. *Heather*; age 16
- Remember, you're never too old to hold your father's hand. *Molly, age 11*

A young woman was filling out a job application. To the question "Have you ever been arrested?" the applicant wrote "no" in the blank. To the next question, "Why?" - intended for those who had been arrested - the unthinking woman wrote, "Never been caught."