

Trivia

The U.S. government owns nearly 30 percent of the total territory of the United States. It owns 84.5 percent of Nevada but only 0.4 percent of Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Air weighs roughly one kilogram per cubic meter. Large rooms contain several tons of air.

The money transfer company Western Union has as many outlets worldwide as McDonald's, Starbucks, Burger King, and Walmart combined.

The metal value of some pennies exceeds the face value. A penny minted before 1982 is 95% copper (and 5% zinc). At 2019 prices, the metal of one copper 1981 penny is worth almost double the face value (\$0.018524).

Eleven of the twelve men to have walked on the moon were Boy Scouts.

There are more atoms in a glass of water than there are glasses of water in all the oceans in the world.

Most telephones have a dial tone in the key of F.

If all the LEGO pieces in the world were divided up evenly, we would get thirty each.

NASA has never had a space shuttle in the air during the transition from December 31 to January 1. It is not confident about the onboard software coping with the switch.

Brazil has more people of African descent than any other country outside of Africa.

Inheritance tax was invented by the Roman emperor Augustus to raise funds for soldiers' pensions.

France has 36,782 mayors. Among them are the elected mayors of five villages that ceased to exist 92 years ago.

(You are One-third Daffodil)

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Dates in History

1919 The first transcontinental air race in the United States took flight October 8th with 63 planes competing in a round-trip derby between California and New York. Lieutenant Belvin Maynard, flying a Havilland-4 with a Liberty motor, won the 5,400-mile race.

1927 A new electrical machine with a mechanical mind was perfected on October 20th at Massachusetts Institute of Technology by Professor Vannevar Bush, which could solve problems too complex for human engineers. The Product, a differential analyzer, allowed the mathematician or engineer to feed in the equation and parts of the problem that could not be solved by formal mathematics.

1946 The well-known high intelligence quotient society Mensa was formed on October 1st. Created by Roland Berrill and Dr. Lancelot Ware, the only qualification for membership in the non-political society, free from all social distinctions (racial, religious, etc.) is an IQ in the top 98th percentile.

1951 Ernest Sumner's wife, Audrey, gave birth to their first child, Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner, on October 2nd in Wallsend, England. As Gordon grew, he worked as a bus conductor, building laborer, tax officer, and teacher before he donned the black and yellow striped sweater prompting the musician's nickname: "Sting."

1983 On October 25th, President Ronald Reagan ordered U.S. Marines to invade Grenada and secure the safety of 1,000 American citizens following threats by the nation's Marxist regime. One week later, the Marxist government was overthrown.

On the Lighter Side

My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot.
It got so bad, I had to finally take his bike away.

My wife accused me of being immature.
I told her to get out of my fort.

Limericks I cannot compose,
With noxious smells in my nose.
But this one was easy,
I only felt queasy,
Because I was sniffing my toes.

A woman walked into a library and asked if they have any books about paranoia. The librarian said, "They're right behind you!"

When you look really closely, all mirrors look a lot like eyeballs.

There once was a farmer from Leeds,
Who swallowed a packet of seeds.
It soon came to pass,
He was covered with grass,
But has all the tomatoes he needs.

I know a lot of jokes about unemployed people,
but none of them work.

Parallel lines have so much in common.
It's a shame they'll never meet.

An elephant slept in his bunk,
And in slumber his chest rose and sunk.
But he snored - how he snored!
All the other beasts roared,
So his wife tied a knot in his trunk.

If you've been thinking about singing karaoke with a friend, just duet!

As I suspected, someone has been adding soil to my garden. The plot thickens.