Trivia

did you know that ...

Apples float in water, because 25% of their volume is made of air.

It takes 17 million barrels of oil each year to make water bottles for the U.S. market.

More than 85% of Australians live within 50km of the coast.

A cat's nose is ridged with a unique pattern, just like a human fingerprint.

Albert Einstein failed his first entrance exam to college in 1895.

Times Square is named after the New York Times. It was originally called Longacre Square until 1904 when the NYT moved there.

An average ear of corn has an even number of rows, usually 16.

McDonald's sells 75 hamburgers every second of every day.

The ice cream sundae was invented in the late 1800s as a way to get around a law that prevented the sale of ice cream sodas on Sundays.

Giraffes can run over 30 miles per hour.

There's a sheet of ice 11 inches deep and the size of Texas on Mars.

The smell of chocolate increases theta brain waves which can help trigger relaxation.

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Dates in History

On April 2nd, near present day St. Augustine, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon came ashore on the Florida coast and claimed the territory for the Spanish crown. Although other European navigators may have sighted the Florida peninsula before, Ponce de Leon was credited with the first recorded landing and the first detailed exploration of the Florida coast.

On April 21st, Woodville Latham and his sons, Otway and Gray, demonstrated their "Panopticon", the first movie projector developed in the United States. Although motion pictures had been shown in the United States for several years using Thomas Edison's Kinetoscope, the films could only be viewed one at a time in a peep-show box, not projected to a large audience.

1918 On April 5th, General Erich Ludendorff formally ended "Operation Michael", the first stage of the final German offensive of World War I. Operation Michael, which marked the first sizeable German offensive against Allied positions on the Western Front in more than a year, began on March 21, 1918. It was a five hour long bombardment of Allied positions near the Somme River from more than 9,000 pieces of German artillery, in the face of which the poorly prepared British 5th Army was rapidly overwhelmed and forced into retreat.

On the Lighter Side

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"

Teacher: "What is the chemical formula for water?"

Student: "HIJKLMNO."

Teacher: "What are you talking about?" Student: "Yesterday you said it's H to O!"

Q: What do computers eat for a snack? A: Microchips!

Q: How do trees access the internet?