

Trivia

did you know that ...

The first computer mouse was invented by Doug Engelbart in 1963 and was made of wood.

Astronauts cannot burp in space.

The Pacific entrance of the Panama Canal is farther East than the Atlantic entrance.

Forest fires move faster uphill than downhill.

Bill Gates' house was designed using a Macintosh computer.

US scientists calculated that Santa would have to visit 822 homes a second to deliver all the world's presents on Christmas Eve, travelling at 650 miles a second.

A coffee tree yields about one pound of coffee in a year.

Milk is heavier than cream.

The 7-Eleven Extreme Gulp is 50% bigger than the volume of the human stomach!

All of the Earth's continents are wider at the north than in the south.

Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a 'Friday the 13th'.

Of the six men who made up the Three Stooges, three of them were real brothers (Moe, Curly, and Shemp).

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The chance of you dying on the way to get your lottery tickets is greater than your chances of winning.

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Dates in History

1888 On December 23rd, Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, suffering from severe depression, cuts off the lower part of his left ear with a razor while staying in Arles, France. He later documented the event in a painting titled Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear. Today, Van Gogh is regarded as an artistic genius and his masterpieces sell for record-breaking prices; however, during his lifetime, he was a poster boy for tortured starving artists and sold only one painting.

1932 On December 27th, Radio City Music Hall in New York City opened. The 60 ft. x 100 ft. stage was designed with a sophisticated system of hydraulic-powered elevators, which allowed spectacular effects in staging. Many of its original mechanisms are still in use today. It remains the largest indoor theater in the world.

(<http://www.history.com>)

On the Lighter Side

A little boy returned from Sunday school with a new perspective on the Christmas story. He had learned all about the Wise Men from the East who brought gifts to the Baby Jesus. He was so excited he could hardly wait to tell his parents.

As soon as he arrived home, he immediately began, "I learned all about the very first Christmas in Sunday school today! There wasn't a Santa Claus way back then, so these three skinny guys on camels had to deliver all the toys!

And Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer with his nose so bright wasn't there yet, so they had to have this big spotlight in the sky to find their way around!"

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

Christmas in Los Angeles is always interesting. Seeing carolers dressed in Bermuda shorts...groping their way through the smog singing: "It came upon a midnight clear."

A burglar broke into the house of a Quaker in the middle of the night and started to rob it.

The Quaker heard the noise and went downstairs with his shotgun.

When he found the burglar he pointed his gun at him and said gently, "Friend, I mean thee no harm, but thou standest where I am about to shoot!"

When I was a kid our Christmases were very poor. We couldn't afford tinsel. We had to wait for grandpa to sneeze.