

Trivia

In Paris, France, there are more dogs than people.

The tennis term "*Love!*," meaning a score of zero, may descend from the French "*L'Oeuf!*" which means "the egg" – much like "goose egg" means zero in American sports slang.

At 6,000-8,000 lbs., a blue whale's tongue weighs more than most female elephants.

Snakes have no eyelids and their eyes turn a milky white just before they shed their skin.

Babe Ruth's last homer was the longest ball ever hit out of Forbes Field: The estimated 650' long ball cleared the double-deck right field grandstands.

During the excavation for the building of Oriole Park at Camden Yards, the remains of a saloon were discovered. It turned out that Babe Ruth's father had owned the place.

American baseball first baseman, James Emory Foxx, nicknamed "The Beast" and "Double X," was born in Sudlersville, only 15.3 mi. from Chestertown, Maryland.

Engineer George Ferris's 1893 wheel attraction carried 60 people per car.

Before the Ferris wheel was invented, Atlantic City had the "Epicycloidal Diversion." The effect was that of a Ferris wheel atop a merry-go-round.

The words "highjack" and "quartz" are worth a maximum of 78 points each in the game of Scrabble.

A pop-fly that is easy to catch is called a "can of corn" from the old-time grocery store era.

Actor Jason Lee, who has appeared in almost 50 films, got his start as a competitive skateboarder in a promotional video shot by Spike Jonze.

The first million-dollar winner on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" had a day job as an IRS agent.

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Dates in History

- 1762** The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but in the United States when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17th. As years passed, the parades became a show of unity and strength for persecuted Irish-American immigrants and then a popular celebration of Irish-American heritage.
- 1887** On March 3rd, Anne Sullivan began teaching six-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at the age of 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, including her pioneering "touch teaching" techniques, the previously uncontrollable Keller flourished, eventually graduated from college and became an international lecturer and activist.
- 1899** Patented on March 6th, acetylsalicylic acid, now known as Bayer aspirin and the most common drug in household medicine cabinets, was originally made from a chemical found in the bark of willow trees.
- 1932** On March 1st, in a crime that captured the attention of the entire nation, Charles Lindbergh III, the 20-month-old son of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family's new mansion in Hopewell, New Jersey.
- 1917** On March 15th, Czar Nicholas II abdicated the throne in favor of his brother Michael, whose refusal of the crown brought an end to the czarist autocracy. Vladimir Lenin, leader of the Bolshevik revolutionary party, left his exile in Switzerland and crossed German enemy lines to return home and take control of the Russian Revolution.
- 1997** Paul McCartney, a former member of the most successful rock band in history, The Beatles, was knighted on March 11th by Queen Elizabeth II for his "services to music."

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On the Lighter Side

Sometimes I tuck my knees into my chest and lean forward.

That's just how I roll.

What kind of exercises do lazy people do?
Diddly-squats.

What do polar bears like to eat?
Burrrrritos.

What do you call having your Grandma on speed dial?
Instagram.

Where do crayons go for vacation?
Color-ado.

How do hipsters wash?
In the mainstream.

What never asks questions but receives a lot of answers?
A telephone.

What kind of button will never become unbuttoned?
A bellybutton.

Who takes care of the farm when a farmer gets sick?
The pharmacist.

Why was the basketball court wet?
People were dribbling on it.

What cereal is worth its weight in gold?
Golden Grahams.

What did Aunt Jemima say to Hungry Jack?
I love you a waffle lot.

Why is a river rich?
Because it has two banks.

Why don't you iron four-leaf clovers?
Because you don't want to press your luck.

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