

Trivia

The earliest recorded reference to bagpipes was on a Hittite slab from Asia Minor, which has been dated to 1000 B.C.

Since the formation of the solar system 4.6 billion years ago, the sun has become 25 to 30 percent hotter.

Isaac Newton invented the cat door.

The average ratio between the actual length of a meandering river and its length as the crow flies is pi.

A tenth of the world's population relies on the Ganges River for water.

There are 23,000 different Christian denominations worldwide.

One in every 3,400 Americans is an Elvis impersonator.

There are more people called "Chang" in China than there are people in Germany.

Surnames were illegal in Mongolia from the early 1920s until they were legally reintroduced in 1997.

Half of the world's population has seen at least one of the 24 James Bond films.

Of almost three thousand public schools in Florida, five are named after George Washington, compared with eleven named after manatees.

In the Second World War, every Italian soldier in North Africa carried his own personal espresso machine.

Aerosmith has made more money in royalties from the video game Guitar Hero than from any of its albums.

Thomas Jefferson invented the swivel chair.

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Dates in History

1803 Before its purchase, Louisiana encompassed a large part of the American Midwest; from the Mississippi to the Rockies. The Senate authorized the purchase of 828,800 square miles for a total cost of \$15 million on November 29th.

1913 On November 3rd, American citizens received information of the new national income tax. A married man who lived with his wife, who was in receipt of an income of \$5,000, paid \$10 a year; if his income was \$10,000, he paid \$60 per year.

1927 The Holland Tunnel under the Hudson River opened on November 13th, connecting the island of Manhattan, New York City, with Jersey City, New Jersey.

1946 On November 12th, the Exchange National Bank of Chicago, Illinois, instituted the first drive-in banking service in America.

1957 The Mackinac Bridge opened on November 1st, connecting Mackinaw City and St. Ignace. Connecting the non-contiguous upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan, it became the longest suspension bridge between anchorages in the Western Hemisphere.

1986 Roger Clemens played 24 seasons as one of the most dominant pitchers in MLB history, tallying 354 wins, a 3.12 ERA, and 4,672 strikeouts. He won the American League's Cy Young Award on November 12th. It was the first of seven wins, the most of any pitcher in MLB history.

1992 On November 3rd, Democrat Bill Clinton was elected President of the United States, defeating incumbent President George H. W. Bush. A former Arkansas Governor, he became the first two-term Democratic President since F. D. Roosevelt.

On the Lighter Side

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?
Plymouth Rock.

Why can't you take a turkey to church?
They use FOWL language.

Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?
It had 24 carrots.

What happened when the turkey got into a fight?
He got the stuffing knocked out of him.

What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo?
A turkey that can pluck itself!

What did the turkey say to the man who tried to shoot it?
Liberty, equality, and bad aim for all.

Who doesn't eat on Thanksgiving?
A turkey, because it is always stuffed.

Why did the Pilgrims want to sail to America in the spring?
Because April showers bring May flowers!

What did baby corn say to mama corn?
Where's popcorn?

Why do the pants of pilgrims keep falling down?
Because their belt buckles are on their hats!

Why did they let the turkey join the band?
Because he had the drum sticks.

What did the mother turkey say to her misbehaving children?
"If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!"

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?
The outside.

What sound does a space turkey make?
Hubble, Hubble, Hubble!