

Trivia

did you know that ...

The letters "Z", "I", and "P" in zip code stands for zone improvement plan.

A hypersonic is more than 5 times the speed of sound. The speed of sound is about 740 miles an hour at sea level.

There are 18 different animal shapes in the "Animal Crackers" cookie zoo: two bears (one walking, one seated), a bison, camel, cougar, elephant, giraffe, gorilla, hippopotamus, hyena, kangaroo, lion, monkey, rhinoceros, seal, sheep, tiger and zebra.

Only two states have official beverages, Florida and Ohio. Florida is orange juice and Ohio is tomato juice.

The three most frequently sung songs in the English language according to the Guinness Book of World Records are "Happy Birthday", "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne".

In 1988 Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copyright to the song "Happy Birthday".

The smallest president was James Madison, who was 5 feet 4 inches tall and never weighed more than 100 pounds.

Lightning travels at 90,000 miles a second; almost half the speed of light (186,000 miles a second).

Benjamin Franklin had sixteen brothers and sisters, seven sisters and nine brothers. He was the fifteenth child and the youngest son.

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Dates in History

- 1899** On August 15th, in Detroit, Michigan, Henry Ford resigned his position as chief engineer at the Edison Illuminating Company's main plant in order to concentrate on automobile production.
- 1958** On August 3rd, the U.S. nuclear submarine Nautilus accomplished the first undersea voyage to the geographic North Pole. The world's first nuclear submarine, the Nautilus dived at Point Barrow, Alaska, and traveled nearly 1,000 miles under the Arctic ice cap to reach the top of the world. It then went on to Iceland, pioneering a new and shorter route from the Pacific to the Atlantic and Europe.
- 1967** On August 30th, Thurgood Marshall became the first African American to be confirmed as a Supreme Court justice. He would remain on the Supreme Court for 24 years before retiring for health reasons, leaving a legacy of upholding the rights of the individual as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.
- 1982** On August 27th, Oakland Athletics outfielder Rickey Henderson stole his 119th base of the year, breaking Hall of Famer Lou Brock's 1974 record for stolen bases in a season. Henderson finished the season with 130 stolen bases, a single-season record that still stands.
- 1994** On August 1st, newspapers reported that publishing house Alfred A. Knopf would pay Pope John Paul II a record-breaking \$8.75 million advance for his new book, Crossing the Threshold of Hope. The book, a collection of essays addressing moral and theological questions, became a bestseller.

On the Lighter Side

When the waitress in a New York City restaurant brought him the soup du jour, the Englishman was a bit dismayed. "Good heavens," he said, "what is this?" "Why, it's bean soup," she replied. "I don't care what it has been," he sputtered. "What is it now?"

At a friend's wedding, everything went smoothly until it was time for the flower girl and her young escort to come down the aisle. The boy stopped at every pew, growling at the guests. When asked afterward why he behaved so badly, he explained, "I was just trying to be a good ring bear."

A young businessman had just started his own firm. He'd rented a beautiful office and had it furnished with antiques. Sitting there, he saw a man come into the outer office. Wishing to appear busy, the businessman picked up the phone and started to pretend he had a big deal working. He threw huge figures around and made giant commitments. Finally, he hung up and asked the visitor, "Can I help you?" The man said, "Sure. I've come to install the phone!"

The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! what are 4, 2, 28 and 44?" Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO and the Cartoon Network!"

A young man reported for his first day of work at a supermarket. The manager greeted him with a warm handshake and a smile, gave him a broom and said, "Your first job will be to sweep out the store." "But I'm a college graduate," the young man replied indignantly. "Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know that," said the manager. "Here, give me the broom - I'll show you how."