

Trivia

Tirana, the capital of Albania, has a lot of things in common with other European capitals – except one. It's one of the few capitals without a McDonald's, along with Vatican City and Reykjavik, Iceland, and Podgorica, Montenegro.



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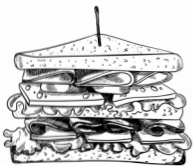
A wildlife technician, Richard Thomas, took the famous tongue-twister “How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood” and calculated a rough estimate of what the answer would actually be. It came out to be around 700 pounds.

Pope Francis has been given many extravagant gifts over the years, and one of them was a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. However, rather than keeping it for his own pleasure and adventures, he sold it off and used the money to benefit homeless people.

The word “peacock” does not actually apply to both male and female birds. It's only the males that are called peacocks, while the females are called peahens. Together, the collective name for them is “peafowl.”

A female's heart is smaller than a male's by about 25%. Because of this, the female heart has to beat around six times more than the male heart to pump the correct amount of blood around the body.

The United States Department of Agriculture says the official definition of a sandwich is: “at least 35 percent cooked meat and no more than 50 percent bread”.



Cold showers have more health benefits than hot or warm showers. These include improving circulation, stimulating weight loss, and easing depression.

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Dates in History

1879 On March 14, Albert Einstein is born, the son of a Jewish electrical engineer in Ulm, Germany. Einstein's theories of special and general relativity drastically altered human understanding of the universe, and his work in particle and energy theory helped make possible quantum mechanics and, ultimately, the atomic bomb.

1920 On March 26, 1920, F. Scott Fitzgerald's *This Side of Paradise* was published, catapulting the 23-year-old to fame. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Fitzgerald came from a declining wealthy family. After attending Princeton, he left to join the army during World War I, where he met Zelda Sayre in Alabama. Following rejection due to his financial instability, he rewrote a novel and gained success, convincing Zelda to marry him.

Fitzgerald lived extravagantly, amassing debt and moving to Europe, where he completed *The Great Gatsby* (1925). Despite publishing numerous short stories, Fitzgerald struggled with alcoholism, and Zelda faced institutionalization after mental breakdowns. His later novel, *Tender Is the Night*, failed commercially, and he turned to screenwriting in Hollywood. Fitzgerald died of a heart attack in 1940 at age 44, leaving behind a literary legacy marked by both triumph and tragedy.

1966 On March 5, Marvin Miller, the 48-year-old assistant to the president of the United Steelworkers of America, was elected the first full-time executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association. Miller, whose role with the United Steelworkers of America included serving as lead negotiator, takes over at a time when the average yearly MLB player's salary is only \$19,000 and the minimum salary is under \$10,000. By the time Miller, a fierce advocate for MLB players, retired in 1982, the average salary for a player was \$241,497.

On the Lighter Side



Why did the gazelles forfeit the game?

The other team's players were all cheetahs.

What do astronauts do before throwing a party in space? They planet.

I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised.

Why couldn't the bad sailor learn the alphabet? Because he always got lost at "C."

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? An abdominal snowman.

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, no atmosphere

What's a skeleton's least favorite room? The living room.

Why did the coffee file a police report? It got mugged.

