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FAST FACTS

- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- Parker Brothers prints about 50 billion dollars worth of Monopoly money in one year. (which is more than real money printed in a year)
- The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters.
- City with the most Rolls Royces per capita: Hong Kong.
- State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.
- Percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%
- Percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%
- Barbie's measurements if she were life size: 39-23-33.
- Cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400
- Average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000.
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

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1. What continent has the fewest flowering plants?
2. Which continent has the highest average IQ?
3. What is the minimum number of musicians a band must have to be considered a "big band"?
4. What ingredient in fresh milk is eventually devoured by bacteria, causing the sour taste?
5. What duo survived a 1909 shootout with Bolivia's cavalry, according to historians?
6. What's a water moccasin often called, due to the white inside its mouth?
7. What explorer introduced pigs to North America?
8. What continent is cut into two fairly equal halves by the Tropic of Capricorn?

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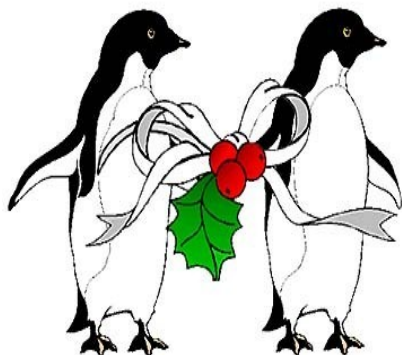


“Those who control the access to the minds of children will set the agenda for the future of the nation and the future of the western world.” ~ James Dobson (Focus on the Family)



Answers to Trivia

1. Antarctica
2. Antarctica
3. 10
4. Lactose
5. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
6. Cottonmouth
7. Christopher Columbus
8. Australia



This Week In History

- 1631 - Mount Vesuvius, Italy erupts, destroys 6 villages & kills 4,000
- 1653 - Oliver Cromwell becomes Lord Protector of England, Scotland & Ireland
- 1686 Robinson Crusoe leaves his island after 28 years (as per Defoe)
- 1777 France recognizes independence of English colonies in America
- 1891 - James Naismith invents basketball (Canada)
- 1892 Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's ballet "Nutcracker Suite" premieres
- 1898 Automobile speed record set-63 kph (39 mph)
- 1913 Charlie Chaplin began his film career at Keystone for \$150 a week
- 1939 - World premiere of "Gone With The Wind" in Atlanta GA
- 1953 Charles E Yeager flies over 2,575 kph (1,650 mph) in Bell X-1A (first man to fly at nearly two and one-half times the speed of sound)
- 1956 Israeli flag hoisted on Mount Sinai
- 1962 Beatles 1st British TV appearance
- 1966 Jimi Hendrix Experience releases its 1st single, "Hey Joe", in the UK
- 1966 Dr Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" airs for 1st time on CBS
- 1991 Soap opera "One Life To Live" airs its 6,000th episode

On the Lighter Side

The 12 Lord of the Rings days of Christmas (condensed):
On the 12th day of Christmas the White Wizard gave to me:
12 Aragorns, 11-thousand Orcs dying, 10 Legolases,
9 dark riders, 8 oliphants, 7 rings for dwarves,
6 talking trees, 5 evil rings (my precious), 4 little hobbits,
3 elven rings, 2 evil towers, and one ring to rule them all

Ultra-Condensed Fellowship of the Ring:

Gandalf: Bilbo Baggins, your Ring is evil. In a couple decades, we'll try to destroy it. In the meantime, leave it for Frodo to play with.
Bilbo Baggins: It's not evil. It's mine. My precious. Mine! MINE, I TELL YOU!!MOOHOHAAHAHAHAHA!!!!
(Frodo takes it to RIVENDELL. Some FRIENDS come with him. They are attacked by black riders a LOT, and it is SCARY.)
Elrond: Frodo Baggins, if Sauron ever gets this Ring, the world will be destroyed, and evil will reign forever. We must act quickly. Take the Ring to where he lives.
(They do some travelling. Some more FRIENDS come with him. Gandalf DIES in the mines of Moria, but will later be RESURRECTED in GLORIFIED form having triumphed over EVIL, an obvious literary ALLUSION to that movie where the guy comes back as a DOG.)
Boromir: Frodo Baggins, give me the Ring.
Frodo: No.
Boromir: What have I done? (dies)
THE END



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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- December 15**
37 - Nero Claudius Augustus Germanicus 5th emperor of Rome (54-68)
1832 - Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel French engineer (Eiffel tower)
1933 Tim Conway Willoughby OH, comic (McHale's Navy, Carol Burnett Show)
- December 16**
1770 Ludwig van Beethoven Bonn Germany, composer (Ode to Joy)
1775 Jane Austen England, novelist (Pride & Prejudice)
1928 Philip K[indred] Dick US, sci-fi author (Hugo-1963, Blade Runner)
- December 17**
1945 Ernie Hudson Benton Harbor MI, actor (Ghostbusters, Weeds)
1946 Eugene Levy Hamilton Canada, comedian/writer (SCTV)
- December 18**
1707 Charles Wesley co-founder (Methodist movement)
1886 Ty Cobb Colorado, batted .367, stole 892 bases (Detroit Tigers)
- December 19**
1906 Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev Ukraine, 1st Secretary of the Community Party/President of the USSR (1964-82)
1946 Robert Ulrich Toronto OH, actor (SWAT, Spenser for Hire, Vega\$)
1972 Alyssa Jane Milano Brooklyn NY, actress (Samantha-Who's the Boss, Jennifer-Melrose Place, Phoebe-Charmed)
1996 Paige Speakman England, born 19 days before her twin sister
- December 20**
1868 Harvey S Firestone Industrialist, where the rubber meets the road
- December 21**
1937 Jane Fonda New York NY, actress (Barbarella, Klute)

“God gave us memories that we might have roses in December.” ~ Courage (1922) by J. M. Barrie

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