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## FAST FACTS

- Great Britain has 450 middle-aged divorcees who belong to an Old Bags Club.
- A group of geese on the ground is gaggle, a group of geese in the air is skein.
- Chickens that lay brown eggs have red ear lobes. There is a genetic link between the two.
- Twelve or more cows are known as a "flink."
- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- A donkey will sink in quicksand but a mule won't.
- The placement of a donkey's eyes in its head enables it to see all four feet at all times.
- The first bird domesticated by man was the goose.
- Roosters can't crow if they can't fully extend their necks.

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1. What famous document begins: "When in the course of human events...?"
2. What was a Retiarrii gladiator armed with, in addition to a dagger and spear?
3. What modern vehicle was invented to circumvent trench warfare?
4. What brave-hearted Scottish patriot led soldiers to a defeat of the English at the Battle of Cambuskenneth in 1297?
5. The Left Bank generally refers to the Left Bank of the Seine in which city?
6. What was the original purpose of the leaning tower of Pisa?
7. To the nearest thousand, how many islands does Indonesia have?

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**Answers to Trivia**

1. The Declaration of Independence
2. A net
3. The tank
4. William Wallace
5. Paris
6. A belltower
7. 13

**This Week In History**

- 0030 - BC Cleopatra died
- 1619 - America's 1st Thanksgiving Day (Va)
- 1621 - Galileo invents telescope
- 1804 - Napoleon becomes 1st French emperor placing crown on his own head
- 1876 - Daniel C Stillson patents pipe wrench
- 1912 - Roald Amundsen reaches South pole
- 1913 - 1st drive-up gasoline station opens in Pittsburgh
- 1927 - 1st Model A Fords sold for \$385
- 1929 - Bingo invented by Edwin S Lowe
- 1955 - Rosa Parks arrested for refusing to move to back of the bus
- 1959 - 1st color photograph of Earth from outer space
- 1963 - Beatles release "I Want to Hold Your Hand"
- 1971 - United Arab Emirates gains independence from Britain (National Day)
- 1973 - Paul McCartney releases "Band on the Run" album
- 1979 - 11 die at Riverfront Coliseum Cincinnati at a Who concert
- 1982 - 1st permanent artificial heart successfully implanted
- 1985 - 23rd Shuttle Mission - Atlantis 2 returns to Earth

**On the Lighter Side**

- Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read. ~ Groucho Marx
- You can't plow a cotton field with an elephant in North Carolina.
- In Michigan it's illegal to place a skunk inside your boss' desk.
- In Kentucky, it is illegal to carry ice cream in your back pocket.
- Drawing on my fine command of the language, I said nothing. ~ Robert Benchley
- Found on a butane lighter: "Warning: Flame may cause fire."
- Always forgive your enemies -- Nothing annoys them so much. ~ Oscar Wilde
- In Saudi Arabia, a woman reportedly may divorce her husband if he does not keep her supplied with coffee.
- In the Middle Ages, the highest court in France ordered the execution of a cow for injuring a human.



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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- November 29**
- 1832 - Louisa May Alcott, American author (Little Women)
  - 1955 - Howie Mandel, (St Elsewhere's-Dr Fiscus)
- November 30**
- 1835 - Samuel Clemens, AKA Mark Twain (Tom Sawyer Huckleberry Finn)
  - 1874 - Sir Winston Churchill, (C) Brit. PM (1940-45 1951-55) (Nobel 1953)
  - 1929 - Dick Clark, oldest teenager (American Bandstand)
- December 1**
- 1912 - Minoru Yamasaki, American architect (World Trade Center NY)
  - 1935 - Woody Allen, (Allen Stuart Konigsberg) Bkln (Zelig Annie Hall)
  - 1945 - Bette Midler, in Patterson NJ
- December 2**
- 1906 - Peter Carl Goldmark, developed color TV & LP records
  - 1915 - William Randolph Hearst, publisher
- December 3**
- 1857 - Joseph Conrad, in Poland novelist (Lord Jim Heart of Darkness)
  - 1924 - John Backus, inventor of FORTRAN computer language
  - 1931 - Jaye P Morgan, in Mancos Cal
  - 1943 - Jim Morrison, rock musician (Doors)
  - 1948 - Ozzy Osbourne, ate a bat

- December 4**
- 1944 - Dennis Wilson, drummer Beach Boys
- December 5**
- 1839 - George Armstrong Custer, of Little Big Horn fame
  - 1901 - Walter Elias Disney, father of Mickey Mouse

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