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- A hamlet is classified as a "grouping of houses smaller than a village", and it usually has around 20 people. It has no mayor or any form of central or municipal government. Sherwood Park, Alberta is the largest hamlet in the world with a population of 45,000 and no government.
- The founder of JC Penny had a last name of "Cash."
- No war has been fought where both countries had a McDonalds
- The ashes of the average cremated person weighs 9 pounds.
- Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of unwanted people without killing them use to burn their houses down--hence the expression "to get fired"

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1. What is a "blue moon"?
2. What is the difference between a Bibliophile and a Bibliopole?
3. What does a speleologist study?
4. What is another word that means the same as anthropophagy?
5. What does "Kemo Sabe" mean?
6. What do month, orange, silver, and purple have in common?
7. What is the name of the "#" sign?
8. What are the plastic things on the ends of shoelaces called?
9. Who invented the term "assassination"?
10. What does "karate" mean?

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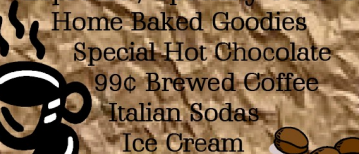
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1. The second full moon of a month
2. A bibliophile collects books and a bibliopole sells them.
3. Caves
4. Cannibalism
5. Soggy Shrub
6. No other words in the English language rhyme with them.
7. Aglets
8. Octothorpe
9. Shakespeare
10. Empty Hand

This Week In History

- 1520 - Martin Luther publicly burned papal edict demanding that he recant
- 1612 - Simon Marius namer of Jupiter's 4 inner satellites is 1st to observe Andromeda galaxy through a telescope
- 1719 1st recorded display of Aurora Borealis in US (New England)
- 1877 - Thomas Edison patents phonograph
- 1896 - Alfred Nobel dies; Swedish Nobel Prize ceremony on this date
- 1899 - George F Grant patents golf tee
- 1901 - Marconi receives 1st transatlantic radio signal England to US
- 1903 - Wright brothers 1st airplane flight at Kittyhawk
- 1907 - 1st Christmas Seals sold in Wilmington PO
- 1911 - South Pole 1st reached by Roald Amundsen
- 1927 - Iraq gains independence from Britain but British troops remain
- 1946 - UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) established (Nobel 1965)
- 1966 - Walt Disney passes away
- 1973 - Pirates of Caribbean opens
- 1988 - PLO leader Yasser Arafat accepts Israel's right to exist
- 1994 - Nobel prize awarded to Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres & Yasser Arafat

On the Lighter Side

Kids say the darnedest things. Some grade school teachers must agree with that, because they keep journals of amusing things their students have written in papers. Here are a few examples:

- The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 opossums.
- The parts of speech are lungs and air.
- Most of the houses in France are made of plaster of Paris.
- The climate is hottest next to the Creator.
- One of the main causes of dust is janitors.
- The four seasons are salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.
- Syntax is all the money collected at the church from sinners.
- A monologue is a conversation between two people, such as husband and wife.
- Vesuvius is a volcano and if you will climb up to the top you will see the creator smoking.
- Science is material, Religion is immaterial.
- Some people are wise, and some are otherwise.
- Most of atomic physics has got something to do with atoms.



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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- December 9**
1909 - Douglas Fairbanks Jr, actor (Ghost Story)
1918 - Kirk Douglas, actor (Gunfight at the OK Corral 7 Days in May)
1922 - Redd Foxx, actor and comedian (Sanford and Son)
1957 - Donny Osmond, singer
- December 10**
1851 - Melvil Dewey, creator of Dewey Decimal System for libraries
- December 11**
1918 - Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Russian writer (Cancer Ward) (Nobel 1970)
1931 - Rita Moreno, actress (The King and I West Side Story) in Puerto Rico
1974 Kevin Devine cornerback/kick returner (Jacksonville Jaguars)
- December 12**
1805 - Henry Wells, founded Am Expr & Wells Fargo
1915 - Frank Sinatra, singer actor (Old Blue Eyes)
1923 - Bob Barker, game show host
- December 13**
1835 - Phillips Brooks, clergyman composer (O Little Town of Bethlehem)
1925 - Dick Van Dyke, actor (Dick Van Dyke Show Mary Poppins)
- December 14**
1503 - Nostradamus, astrologer and physician
- December 15**
1832 - Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel, built a tower in Paris
1933 - Tim Conway, comedian (Carol Burnett Show)

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