Trivia

Horseshoe crabs have 10 eyes in total, including ones near their mouths, on the tops of their shells, and down their tails.

David Hasselhoff's divorce settlement included ownership of the nickname "The Hoff."

Barry Manilow wrote the jingles for both State Farm[®] and BAND-AID[®] Brand Adhesive Bandages.

The largest waterfall on the planet is underwater beneath the Denmark Strait, an area that separates Iceland and Greenland.

In the 1800s, ketchup was sold as medicine and was even made into pill form to rid people of stomach ailments.

That white fur polar bears seem to sport is actually two layers of clear fur that appear white to the human eye. Underneath that coat, their skin is black.

Spain's national anthem, *Marcha Real*, or "Royal March," doesn't have any lyrics, it is performed only with musical instruments.

The Institute for Works of Religion, also known as the Vatican Bank, has an ATM with instructions in Latin.

A "gowpen" is what you call the hollow space created when you cup your hands.

The Empire State Building has its own ZIP code: 10118.

Dextrophobia is the fear of having objects to your right.

The teeth of limpets, a type of aquatic snail, can withstand more pressure than it takes to create diamonds from carbon.

An orange cat named Stubbs was the mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska, for 20 years. He was in office until his death in 2017.

The geographic center of the contiguous U.S. is on a pig farm two miles northwest of Lebanon, Kansas.

In Spanish, the Canary Islands' name is Islas Canarias, which comes from the Latin phrase *canariae insulae*, meaning "island of dogs."



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Dates in History

- 1519 In 1514, four years after the Spanish began colonizing Cuba, the settlement of San Cristóbal de La Habana (Havana) was established on the south coast near the mouth of the Río Mayabeque. Due to mosquito infestations, the city was moved twice during its first four years until it was permanently established at its present site on November 16.
- 1626 A "basilica" is a large oblong hall or building with double colonnades and a semicircular apse, used in ancient Rome as a court of law or for public assemblies. St. Peter's Basilica, in Vatican City, Italy, was consecrated on November 18, replacing an earlier one on the same site and becoming the world's largest Christian basilica.
- **1789** In a November 13 letter to Jean-Baptiste Leroy, Benjamin Franklin was quoted as having said: "Our new Constitution is now established and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."
- **1885** Gottlieb Daimler had been working for the firm of the inventor of the internalcombustion engine, Nikolaus A. Otto, before he and colleague Wilhelm Maybach set out on their own in 1882. Daimler and Maybach made changes to the combustion so it was more suited for transport. On November 10 they invented the world's first motorcycle, called the Reitwagen, German for "riding car."
- **1966** In 1964, Ronald Reagan's speech "A Time for Choosing" supported Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign and earned Reagan national attention as a new conservative spokesman. Building upon a network of supporters, Reagan was elected Governor of California on November 8.

On the Lighter Side

Where do pianists go for vacation? The Florida Keys.

What is the smartest state? Alabama. It has four As and one B.

What are the Great Plains? The 747, Concorde, and F-16.

What is the capital of Alaska? Come on, Juneau this one.

What rock group has four men that don't sing? Mount Rushmore.

What did Delaware to the big game? Her New Jersey!

What is the fastest country in the world? Russia.

Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? At the bottom.

What do Alexander the Great and Kermit the Frog have in common? They have the same middle name.

What is the fruitiest subject at school? History, because it's full of dates.

Why did the pioneers cross the country in covered wagons? Because they didn't want to wait 40 years for a train.

How was the Roman Empire cut in half? With a pair of Caesars.

What falls but never hits the ground? The temperature.

