

# Trivia

*did you know that ...*

The Olympic flame was introduced in 1928, in Amsterdam.

*The Saguaro cactus, found in southwest USA, can take up to 75 years to grow branches.*

Tarantulas can live for up to 30 years.

*The Basenji dog breed is the only dog that is not able to bark. Instead it makes a kind of yodel sound.*

“Lethologica” is the term used to describe the state of not being able to remember the word you want.

*A starfish has no brain, instead it's nervous system acts as a distributed brain.*

A group of frogs is called an army.

*The film “Wayne’s World” was filmed in 2 weeks.*

The word “therein” contains nine other words without rearranging any of the letters, (the, there, he, in, rein, her, here, ere, herein).

*When two words are combined to form a single word (e.g. breakfast+lunch=brunch) the new word is called a “Portmanteau”.*

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

*Daylight Saving Time is not observed in most of the state of Arizona and parts of Indiana.*

The word "Checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat," which means "the king is defeated."

*"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."*

The most common street name in the U.S. is Second Street.

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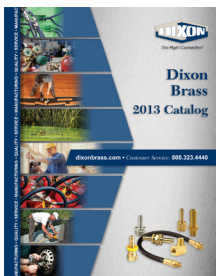
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# Dates in History

**1846** On May 13th, the U.S. Congress voted in favor of President James K. Polk's request to declare war on Mexico in a dispute over Texas. Under the threat of war, the United States had refrained from annexing Texas after the latter won independence from Mexico in 1836. But in 1844, President John Tyler restarted negotiations with the Republic of Texas, culminating with a Treaty of Annexation.

**1911** On May 30th, the inaugural Indianapolis 500 was run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indiana. The 200-lap, each lap is 2½ miles, race has since become a Memorial Day weekend tradition. With the exception of a break in 1917 and 1918 for World War I and from 1942 to 1945 for World War II, it has run every year since.

**1913** On May 14th, Washington Senators pitcher Walter Johnson threw his 54th consecutive scoreless inning in Sportsman Park, Illinois, leading his Washington Senators to victory over the St. Louis Browns, 10-5. With the win, Johnson broke a 1910 record set by Jack Coombs of the Philadelphia Athletics, who threw 53 innings in a row without giving up a run.

**1927** On May 26th, Henry Ford and his son Edsel drove the 15 millionth Model T Ford out of their factory, marking the famous automobile's official last day of production. More than any other vehicle, the relatively affordable and efficient Model T was responsible for accelerating the automobiles introduction into American society during the first quarter of the 20th century. Introduced in October 1908, the Model T weighed some 1,200 pounds, with a 20-horsepower, four-cylinder engine. It got about 13 to 21 miles per gallon of gasoline and could travel up to 45 mph.

# On the Lighter Side

A couple had been married for 25 years and were celebrating their 60th birthdays, which fell on the same day.

During the celebration a fairy appeared and said that because they had been such a loving couple for all 25 years, she would give them one wish each.

The wife wanted to travel around the world. The fairy waved her hand, and Boom! She had the tickets in her hand.

Next, it was the husband's turn. He paused for a moment, then said shyly, "Well, I'd like to have a woman 30 years younger than me."

The fairy picked up her wand, and Boom! He was ninety.

*One day God was looking down to earth and saw all the evil going on. He decided to send an angel down to earth to check it out. So, God called on a female angel and sent her to earth for a time. When she returned she told God yes, it is bad on earth, 95% are bad and 5% are good.*

*Well, He thought for a moment and said maybe I had better send down a male angel, to get both points of view. So, God called a male angel and sent him to earth for a time. When the male angel returned, he went to God and told him yes, the earth was in decline, 95% were bad and 5% were good.*

*God said this was not good. He would send a letter to the 5% that was good and encourage them, something to help them keep going. Do you know what that letter said?*

*Oh, you didn't get one either?*