

Trivia

did you know that ...

The words “tomato,” “coyote,” “avocado,” and “chocolate” all come from the Aztec language Nahuatl.

The IRS has a computer devoted solely to Bill Gates’s tax return.

“Broadcast” is a term borrowed from farmers, describing what they do with seeds across a field.

Thomas Jefferson invented the swivel chair.

“Queueing” is the only word in English with five consecutive vowels.

The average bee produces one-twelfth of a teaspoon of honey during its lifetime.

Adult “paradoxical frogs,” which are found in the Amazon and Trinidad, are so named because they are a third of the size of their tadpoles.

Each year, 30,000 to 80,000 meteorites land on Earth.

The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the world’s busiest.

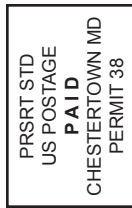
The human spine flexes 100 million times in fifty or sixty years.

In central London in the late seventeenth century, post was delivered ten to twelve times a day.

Vietnam is the second largest producer of coffee in the world, after Brazil. It produces twenty times as much as Uganda.

Peaches and almonds are both part of the rose family.

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Dates in History

1762 In New York City on March 17th, the first parade honoring the Catholic feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was held by Irish soldiers serving in the British army. Early Irish settlers brought this Irish tradition of celebrating to the American colonies.

1802 On March 16th, the United States Military Academy—the first military school in the United States—was founded by Congress for the purpose of educating and training young men in the theory and practice of military science. Located at West Point, New York, the U.S. Military Academy is often simply known as West Point.

1864 On March 10th, President Abraham Lincoln signed a brief document officially promoting then-Major General Ulysses S. Grant to the rank of lieutenant general of the U.S. Army, tasking the future president with the job of leading all Union troops against the Confederate Army.

1916 On March 21st, Howard W. Goodall founded Dixon Valve & Coupling Company.

On the Lighter Side

Good Question

How can you ever be late for anything in London? They have a huge clock right in the middle of the town.

Beach Necessities

We use a really strong sunblock when we go to the beach with the kids. It's SPF 80: You squeeze the tube, and a sweater comes out.

The Smell of Delta

Delta Airlines is infusing its cabins with a lavender-and-chamomile scent called Calm. *The Week* asked its readers to come up with a better name to match "the ambience of the packed economy cabin."

"Eau the Humanity"

"Giorgio's Arm-on-me"

"Chanel No.5 Inches of Legroom"

"Claustrophobique"

"Mist Connection"

"The 99 Per-scent"

Baggage Claim Karma

As I waited for my luggage at the airport, a man lifted my suitcase off the baggage carousel.

"Excuse me," I shouted. "That's my suitcase."

The man shot back defensively, "Well, somebody took mine!"

Planedemonium

The first time my mother flew, she was a nervous wreck. During takeoff, the roar from the engines proved reassuring—it meant they were working, she reasoned. But when the plane leveled off, so did the engines. Grabbing the armrests, she asked aloud, "Did we stop?"

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