

Trivia

The term "*fore*," used in golf, is likely borrowed from the military who used the longer version "beware before" to warn of cannon fire originating behind friendly troops.

Every U.S. president has worn glasses at least some of the time.

The first two-sport mascot Youppi, which means "*Hooray*" in French, served both the MLB Expos and the NHL Canadiens in Montreal.

The movie *Good Morning, Vietnam* opens with a view of the Thai Parliament Building.

The original *King Kong* was an 18-inch articulated metal skeleton covered with rubber and rabbit fur.

In *Toy Story 2*, Andy has a calendar in his room that shows the characters from *A Bug's Life*.

Buzz Lightyear and Mr. Incredible can be spotted in the dentist's waiting room in *Finding Nemo*.

There is a Pizza Planet truck appearing in every Pixar movie.

The Blair Witch Project (1999), originally shot on a budget of \$35,000, grossed more than \$140 million in three months.

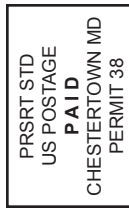
The oft-quoted words "*me Tarzan, you Jane*" are never actually spoken in the 1930's classic film *Tarzan, the Ape Man*.

In *Terminator 2*, Leslie Hamilton Gearren was a body double for her twin sister Linda Hamilton.

Until 1975, rules required that all major-league baseballs be covered in horsehide. As horsehide became more expensive, it became acceptable for balls to be covered in cowhide.

Hollywood icon Clint Eastwood held jobs as a lumberjack, steel mill worker, aircraft factory worker, gas station attendant and swimming pool digger.

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Dates in History

- 1588** Thomas Hobbes, an English philosopher born April 5th, considered to be one of the founders of modern political philosophy, is best known for his 1651 book "Leviathan," which expounded an influential formulation of social contract theory.
- 1629** Christian Huygens, the Dutch scientist who invented the pendulum, was born on April 14th. Mathematician, astronomer, and physicist, Huygens founded the wave theory of light, discovered the true shape of the rings of Saturn, and made original contributions to the science of dynamics - the study of the action of forces on bodies.
- 1789** George Washington was inaugurated as the first president of the United States in Federal Hall, New York, on April 30th.
- 1838** On April 8th, the first regular transatlantic steamship service for passengers began her maiden voyage from Bristol to New York. The steamer, known as the Great Western, was designed by Isambard Brunel.
- 1916** Yehudi Menuhin, Baron Menuhin, OM KBE was an American-born violinist and conductor who spent most of his performing career in Britain. Widely considered one of the greatest violinists of the 20th century, he was born April 22nd.
- 1961** On April 29th, Jim McKay was the host of a new American sports anthology program, "Wide World of Sports." The debut telecast featured national field and track events of the Penn and Drake Relays.

On the Lighter Side

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Figs!
Figs who?
Figs the doorbell, it's broken!

Did you hear about the chimpanzees who shared an Amazon account?
They were Prime mates.

Drama (adj): a word boring people use to describe fun people.

My girlfriend and I often laugh about how competitive we are.
But I laugh more.

Why did the little boy feed his calculator to the family dog? He wanted a friend he could count on.

Epiphantot (n.): an idea that seems like an amazing insight to the conceiver but is in fact pointless, mundane, stupid, or incorrect.

The food at the sandwich shop I frequent is good, but any deviation from the norm throws off the staff. I once told a clerk that I wanted only half a sandwich. His reply: "What am I going to do with the other half?" A week later, when I told another clerk the same thing, she responded, "Do you want the top or the bottom?"

Unkeyboardinated (adj.): when you're unable to type without repeatedly making mistakes.

What do you call a month's worth of rain?
England.