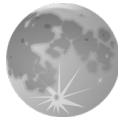


Trivia



Laser ranging measurements of the change in the distance from the Earth to the Moon tell us that the Moon is moving away from the Earth at a rate of about 3.78 cm per year.

Some lipstick contains something called "pearl essence." Also known as "pearlescence", this silvery substance is literally found in fish scales! It is primarily sourced from herring and can be found in many lipsticks, nail polishes, and other cosmetic products due to the shimmer effect it creates.

The San Francisco Cable Car System is a Registered National Historic Landmark. By the time the cable car system was established as a National Landmark in 1964, cable cars had already been around climbing the hilly streets of San Francisco for over 90 years. They are also the only monuments that can move.

Golf was the first sport to be played on the moon. On February 6, 1971, astronaut and golfer Alan Shepard turned the Apollo 14 landing site into a driving range, performing a one-handed swing with a six-iron, sending a ball flying through the moon's low-gravity atmosphere.

Strawberries are the only fruit that wears their seeds on the outside. The average berry is adorned with some 200 of them.

We can detect taste faster than we can blink. It takes around .0015 seconds to detect taste. This is quicker than a tenth of a second a blink takes to complete.

A female rabbit is called a doe while a male rabbit is called a buck.



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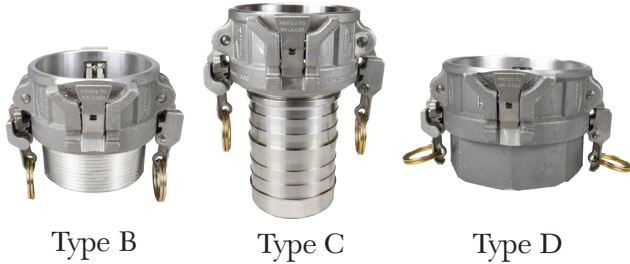
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Dates in History

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B.C.

On January 1st, New Year's Day was celebrated for the first time in history as the Julian calendar took effect. Soon after becoming Roman dictator, Julius Caesar decided that the traditional Roman calendar was in dire need of reform. Introduced around the seventh century B.C., the Roman calendar attempted to follow the lunar cycle but frequently fell out of phase with the seasons and had to be corrected. In addition, the pontifices, the Roman body charged with overseeing the calendar, often abused its authority by adding days to extend political terms or interfere with elections. Caesar added 67 days to 46 B.C., making 45 B.C. begin on January 1st, rather than in March.

1950

On January 17th, 11 men stole more than \$2 million (\$29 million today) from the Brink's Armored Car depot in Boston, Massachusetts. It was the perfect crime—almost—as the culprits weren't caught until January 1956, just days before the statute of limitations for the theft expired. The robbery's mastermind was Anthony "Fats" Pino, a career criminal who recruited a group of 10 other men to stake out the depot for 18 months to figure out when it held the most money. Pino's men then managed to steal plans for the depot's alarm system, returning them before anyone noticed they were gone. No one was hurt in the robbery, and the thieves left virtually no clues, aside from the rope used to tie the employees and one of the chauffeur's caps.

1961

On January 25th, President John F. Kennedy became the first U.S. president to hold a live televised news conference. From a podium in the State Department auditorium, Kennedy read a prepared statement and then opened the floor for questions from reporters, answering queries on a variety of topics including relations with Cuba, voting rights, and food aid to impoverished Americans.

On the Lighter Side



What's a pirate's favorite letter?

You'd think it'd be "R" but it's the "C."

A man goes out to eat at an empty restaurant. He hears someone whisper, "Pssst...I like your tie." The man looks around but doesn't see anyone except his server. "Pssst... that color looks nice on you." He asks the server, "Excuse me, but...are you speaking to me?" The server rolls his eyes and says, "No, sorry about that. It's the peanuts... they're complimentary."

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Déjà.

Déjà who?

Knock knock.

Why should you never fall in love with a tennis player? Because to them... love means NOTHING.

I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places.

He told me to stop going to those places.

What do you call a lion who is feeling dandy?

A Dandelion.

Why should you wear glasses to math class?

Because it helps with division.

I don't have a joke. Instead, I'm going to tell you my favorite animal fact. Did you know that ants are the only animals that don't get sick? It's true! It's because they have little antibodies.

