

# Trivia

*did you know that ...*

In 17th century Holland, tulip bulbs were more valuable than gold.

*In 1986, M. Heijmf in the Netherlands grew the tallest sunflower which stood at 25' 5.5" tall.*

The Gas Plant or Burning Bush as it is sometimes called, earned its name because its leathery green leaves, flowers and seed pods give off a strong lemon scented vapor that can be ignited with a match.

*The Angelica plant was used in Europe for hundreds of years as a cure for everything from the bubonic plague to indigestion.*

Rose hips (the berry-like fruit structure of a rose) of some species of rose contain the richest source of Vitamin C and are used to make jams, jellies and also brewed for tea.

*Some species of bamboo develop flowers after 65 or 120 years.*

The Lotus plant was considered a sacred flower by ancient Egyptians and was used in burial rituals.

*The sunflower head tracks the sun's movement, a phenomenon known as heliotropism.*

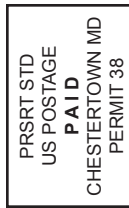
Moon flowers open in the evening and last through the night, remaining open until they come into contact with the morning sun.

*The Agave plant, also known as the century plant spends many years without growing any flowers, after which it grows one single bloom and dies.*

Roses are related to apples, raspberries, cherries, peaches, plums, nectarines, pears and almonds.

*Titan Arum is the world's largest flower; the circumference of its huge flowers can be over ten feet and they stand ten feet high with a single leaf able to grow to the size of a small tree.*

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## Dates in History

**1776** On April 6th, the Continental Congress took the first step toward American independence when they announced their decision to open all American ports to international trade with any part of the world that was not under British rule.

**1877** On April 1st, prospector Edward Schieffelin began his search for silver in the area of present-day southern Arizona. Schieffelin founded one of the richest silver veins in the West. He named it the Tombstone Lode. Located about 70 miles southeast of Tucson, the Tombstone Mining District and the town of Tombstone quickly became major economic and social centers of the Southwest.

**1896** On April 6th, the Olympic Games, a long-lost tradition of ancient Greece, were reborn in Athens 1,500 years after being banned by Roman Emperor Theodosius I. At the opening of the Athens Games, King Georgios I of Greece and a crowd of 60,000 spectators welcomed athletes from 13 nations to the international competition.

**1981** On April 12th, the space shuttle *Columbia* was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, becoming the first reusable manned spacecraft to travel into space. Piloted by astronauts Robert L. Crippen and John W. Young, the *Columbia* undertook a 54-hour space flight of 36 orbits before successfully touching down at California's Edwards Air Force Base.

## On the Lighter Side

When I overheard one of my cashiers tell a customer, "We haven't had it for a while, and I doubt we'll be getting it soon," I quickly assured the customer that we would have whatever it was she wanted by next week. After she left, I read the cashier the riot act.

"Never tell the customer that we're out of anything. Tell them we'll have it next week," I instructed her. "Now, what did she want?"

"Rain."

*In Ohio, spring is always eagerly awaited after the long, cold winters. When I arrived at work one day in mid-March, I noticed a sign gaily decorated with flowers and butterflies. It read: "Think Spring." The first day of spring blew in with a snowstorm and freezing temperatures, however, and another flowery sign was posted. This time the message read: "Forget Spring. Think Summer."*

After a talking sheepdog gets all the sheep in the pen, he reports back to the farmer: "All 40 accounted for."

"But I only have 36 sheep," says the farmer.

"I know," says the sheepdog. "But I rounded them up."

*"How do you spell toad?" one of my first-grade students asked.*

*"We just read a story about a toad," I said, then helped him spell it out: "T-O-A-D."*

*Satisfied, he finished writing the story he'd begun, then read it aloud: "I toad my mama I wanted a dog for my birthday."*