

If a diplomat bowed very low to King Christian VII of Denmark (1749-1808) his reaction was to leapfrog over him.

Most people reach the top of the ladder of success only to find it's leaning against the wrong wall.  
PAUL SORENSON

Word of the day: MOONBOW - a rainbow created by moonlight.

The photons of light reaching the Earth today were generated in the core of the Sun 100,000 years ago.

That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons that history has to teach. - ALDOUS HUXLEY

Under Swiss law, everyone must be provided with access to a nuclear shelter.

From 2008-2009, the head of the UK police programme on tackling knife crime was Alfred Hitchcock.

No President of the USA is ever allowed to drive on public roads, even after they've left office.

"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us." BILL WATTERSON

Scientists have discovered a new form of gold that is much golder than normal gold.

Amazon sometimes delivers small items in large packaging because it chooses boxes based on how well they fit in the truck, preventing them moving around and damaging the contents, thus reducing overall waste.

A study found that air conditioners increase the temperature of Phoenix Arizona by 2 degrees C on summer nights.

In Australian slang, a NIGEL is a friendless man.

Word of the day: BAGSTIV (Danish) - to wake up still drunk from the night before.

A recent study from Australia's Macquarie University Fish Lab has found that sharks like jazz.

The word unfriend is a lot older than Facebook; its first recorded use is from 1659, when historian Thomas Fuller wrote "I hope, sir, that we are not mutually Unfriended by this Difference which hath happened betwixt us."

In 1973, the Governor of Michigan gave the eulogy at a funeral for 30,000 frozen mushroom pizzas.

A Harvard study has confirmed that heat waves do really make it hard to think.

GCSE grades dip significantly during years with a football World Cup or European Championship.

During a mic check in 1984, President Ronald Reagan announced "my fellow Americans, I'm pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

The Swiss air force is only available during business hours, 8am to 6pm. When a hijacking occurred in Swiss airspace in 2014, it was up to French and Italian pilots to save the day - the Swiss weren't due in for another two hours.

"Anyone who is capable of getting themselves made President should on no account be allowed to do the job." DOUGLAS ADAMS

Los Angeles County libraries allow children to "read off" overdue fines - each hour spent reading erases \$5 (£3.75) of fines.

Safety matches were invented after mechanical lighters.

If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing. - ANATOLE FRANCE

Word of the day: SCAPABOBIDIDDYWIDDILYDOOBAPBAPAPHOBIA - the fear of freestyle jazz.