

A pig was hanged for sacrilege in France in 1394 for eating a communion wafer.

When Christina of Denmark was asked to marry Henry VIII she refused, saying 'If I had two heads, I would happily place one at the disposal of the King of England.'

Orange snow, tinted by sand from the Sahara, fell across parts of Russia and Eastern Europe last week.

When a Navajo baby laughs aloud for the first time, the family throws a party. The person who made the baby laugh provides the food.

Zeus had five wives. One of them was his aunt, another was his elder sister and a third one he ate.

It's a myth that no two snowflakes are exactly the same. In 1988, a scientist found two identical snow crystals. They came from a storm in Wisconsin.

In the 1980s, Pablo Escobar's Medellin Cartel was spending \$2,500 a month on rubber bands to hold all their cash.

RAS Syndrome is Redundant Acronym Syndrome - where a word in an acronym is used in conjunction with it, like "PIN number" and "ATM machine".

A CHEWBACCA DEFENSE is a legal strategy of confusing the other side by spouting irrelevant nonsense.

Lord Byron's nickname for William Wordsworth was William Turdsworth.

Watching horror films makes your blood thicken.

Algeria's national anthem includes the line 'Oh France, the day of reckoning is at hand.'

Riding Disney World's Big Thunder Mountain Railroad rollercoaster is a reliable way to make people pass kidney stones.

The word "ostrich" is derived from the Greek "struthos meagle" - literally "big sparrow".

Word of the day: TARTLE (Scots) - the awkward hesitation when you're introducing someone and you've forgotten their name

According to the 2001 Census, the fourth-largest religion in England and Wales was "Jedi".

About one-third of British adults still sleep with a teddy bear.

"God put me on this earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I am so far behind that I will never die." BILL WATTERSON

Ulysses S Grant was arrested for speeding while he was president. He was riding a horse at the time.

Word of the day: GROWK (Old Scots) - the determined look a child gives to something she or he really wants

Switzerland has accidentally invaded Liechtenstein twice, in 1992 and 2007. In response to the second invasion, the spokesperson for Liechtenstein remarked "no problem, these things happen".

Word of the day: SCUDDLE (Scots) - to do unpleasant housework in the kitchen

In 1990, the satirical magazine, SPY, sent cheques for 13 cents to some of the world's richest people. Only two cashed them, the Saudi Arabian arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi, and Donald Trump.

The Nebra Sky Disc from about 1600 BC maybe the oldest depiction of the night sky.