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4th of July Trivia

merica's Birthday is also celebrated in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and England. In Denmark, where people listen to songs and speeches about the friendship between the United States and Denmark, the celebration is known as 'Rebildfest.'

Delaware's delegation to the Continental Congress put a unanimous endorsement of the Declaration at risk. Delaware delegate George Read was adamantly opposed to the Declaration (many still harbored an affinity for Great Britain and others feared for their careers and the fate of their families), while fellow Delawarians Thomas McKean and Caesar Rodney favored its adoption. Yet it appeared that Rodney, who was suffering from terminal cancer, might arrive in Philadelphia a day to late to break the Delaware delegation's deadlock.

However, the insistent Rodney rode all night through darkness, lightning, and thunder to arrive just in time to cast his affirmative vote, without which the Declaration would not have been unanimous.

Up until Henry Ford and his millions of cars came along, the Fourth of July was traditionally the most miserable day of the year for horses, tormented by all the noise and by the boys and girls who threw firecrackers at them.

July 4th, a legal holiday in all U.S. states and in U.S. territories overseas, is one of the few holidays that has not been moved to the nearest Friday or Monday.

The word 'patriotism' comes from the Latin patria, which means 'homeland' or 'fatherland.' The Declaration of Independence was first:

- Reproduced on July 6
- Read to the public in Philadelphia at noon on July 8 (where, according to one observer, there were few 'respectable' people)
 - Read in New York 'in a clear voice' on July 9, by order of General George Washington
 - Read in Boston, accompanied by church chimes and the firing of cannon, on July 18.

In Williamsburg, the colonial capital of Virginia, Independence Day is actually celebrated on July 25, because news of the adoption of the Declaration in Philadelphia did not reach Williamsburg until three weeks after July 4, 1776.

The Statue of Liberty is a 151-foot statue (including the torch) of a woman with a 4-1/2-foot nose and a 3-foot mouth. In her left hand she holds a book, upon which is written 'July 4, 1776.'

In the 1890's, it was customary to celebrate July Fourth with two parades: in the morning, a 'Horribles' parade of men and boys dressed in fantastic costumes made noise with all sorts of devices; and in the afternoon, a second parade featured military veterans and members of various local organizations.

The names of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were withheld from the public for more than six months to protect the signers. If independence had not been achieved, the treasonable act of the signers would have, by law, resulted in their deaths.









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2 ripe bananas, sliced

1 (10 ounce) jar maraschino cherries, halved

Instructions

Stir together the pudding mix and pineapple until dissolved and thickened. Fold in the Cool Whip.

Gently stir in the marshmallows, nuts, chocolate chips, bananas, and cherries. Refrigerate at least 1 hour to chill. Makes about 8 cups salad.

Here are some Fourth of July Fun Facts about celebrations of Independence Day since 1776.



Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776.

The Liberty Bell rang out from Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 8, 1776. it was sounded to bring the people out to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. It was read by Colonel John Nixon.

In 1777, Bristol, Rhode Island celebrated July 4th by firing 13 gunshots, once in the morning and once again in the evening. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania commemorated our independence with an office Continental Congress dinner, parades, prayers, music, fireworks, speeches, 13 gun salutes, and more.

1778 saw General George Washington celebrating by giving his soldiers a double ration of rum and having an artillery salute. Benjamin Franklin and John Adams were in Paris, France, and held a dinner for other Americans there.

In 1779, July 4th fell on a Sunday, so it was observed the following Monday.

1781 was the year the first state legislature, the Massachusetts General Court, established July 4th as a state celebration.

1791 was the year that the name "Independence Day" was used for the first time. It may have been used before then, but that was the first time it was recorded.

1801 was the first time a July 4th party was held at the White House.

In 1805, Lewis and Clark celebrated the first July 4th celebration west of the Mississippi, at Independence Creek.

Three dates are significant to the holiday, Independence Day was made an unpaid holiday for federal employees by Congress. In 1938, it became a paid holiday, and in 1941, Congress declared it a federal holiday.



The Old Coot Wants Horns on Shopping Carts!

By: Merlin Lessler

wrote about this before, nine years ago to be exact, but was reminded of it the other day when I got trapped behind two "wide walkers" in the grocery store. They moseyed along in front of me. The people themselves weren't wide, but their walking style was. When they stepped with their right foot, it went way to the right and then when it was time for the left foot, it went way to the left. It was like walking behind a pair of waddling ducks. And, that's another thing, what is it with people who insist on walking side by side? They clog up the aisles. I wish carts had horns on them. I could get by the gridlock and on to the half price table in the old coot section. As it is, I have to trudge along at a pace set by wide walkers.

If it isn't a wide walker, then it's a "weaver" that hinders my progress. You know the type; they poke along in a coma like state. When you try to pass on the left, they weave in front of you. If you go to the right, they beat you to the open lane. It's just another reason to equip the carts with horns. I'm thinking of carrying a bag of M&M's with me. It should work just fine in our "obese" society. I could scatter a handful to the side of the aisle. When the weaver stops to gather them up, I could pass by with ease.

Something has to happen. It's getting pretty bad, at least in the stores where I shop. Maybe we should require shopping cart licenses. Shoppers would have to pass a written exam and a road test. It might make people keep to the right as they go down the aisle, instead of driving on the wrong side of the "road," as though they lived in England. If the stores were required to have the carts "inspected" by an authorized mechanic every year it would solve another of my shopping problems, a cart with a messed up wheel, the kind that won't go in a straight line. They constantly go at an erratic angle so you have to jerk them back into the driving lane every few steps. I hate it; it makes people think I'm a "weaver" – they yell and throw things at me as I wind my way through the store. If there were horns on the carts they could just toot and I'd let them by.

Cell phone use while pushing a cart causes yet another problem in grocery stores. You follow a "pusher-yacker" down the aisle and all of a sudden she comes to a dead stop, yells into her phone, "You're kidding! They didn't really do that did they?" I end up ramming the front rail on my cart into the back of her ankles. I apologize profusely, explaining that old coots have slow reflexes and can't come to a sudden stop. If the carts had horns, I could signal to the other old coots in the store that I'd just scored one for the home team. Then, all our horns could be blown in a victory celebration, like the high school kids when they drive through town after winning the big game. Boy, I wish shopping carts had horns!

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Fourth of July Trivia Questions

What was the main reason the U.S. declared independence? Ouestion 1:

Answer: We declared independence because we were taxed without representation.

How many people signed the Declaration of Independence? Question 2:

Answer: 56 people signed the Declaration of Independence.

In what city was the Declaration of Independence signed? Question 3:

The Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Answer:

What are the first seven words of the Declaration of Independence? Question 4:

The first seven words of the Declaration of Independence are "When in the Answer:

course of human events "

Who approved the Declaration of Independence? Ouestion 5:

The Second Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence. Answer:

Whose signature is the largest on the Declaration of Independence? Ouestion 6:

The largest signature on the Declaration of Independence is John Hancock's. Answer:

Question 7: Who proposed "Lee's Resolution" on June 1, 1776, declaring that

we were independent of Great Britain?

This is one of the hardest Fourth of July Trivia Questions. Richard Henry Answer:

Lee of Virginia proposed Lee's resolution.

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Question 8: Who was the king of England when the colonies declared their

independence?

Answer: George III was king of England when the colonies declared their independence.

Question 9: How many people were living in the U.S. in 1776?

Answer: There were 2.5 million people living in the U.S. in 1776.

Question 10: Where does the word "patriotism" come from?

Answer: The word "patriotism" comes from the Latin "patria" meaning "fatherland"

or "homeland."

Celebrations:

Question 11: How many hotdogs are consumed on July 4th each year?

Answer: Americans consume 150 million hotdogs on July 4th each year.

Question 12: How much money is spent on fireworks every year?

Answer: Americans spend around 211 million dollars every year on fireworks.

Question 13: Who invented fireworks?

Answer: The Chinese invented fireworks.

Question 14: How many people have cookouts on July 4th

Answer: Over 74 million people have cookouts on July 4th.

Question 15: When did the Liberty Bell crack?

Answer: The first Liberty Bell cracked when it was being tested. It and the second

bell were re-melted and forged again. The third Liberty Bell cracked in 1835.

Question 16: When did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?

Answer: This is the only three-part answer to the Fourth of July Trivia Questions.

The Fourth of July became an unpaid holiday for federal workers in 1870. In 1938 it became a paid holiday, and in 1941, it was declared a federal holiday.

American Symbols:

Question 17: What is our national bird?

Answer: Our national bird is the bald eagle.

Question 18: Where is the Liberty Bell located?

Answer: The Liberty Bell is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the tower of

Independence Hall.

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Answer: Francis Scott Key wrote the words to the National Anthem.

Ouestion 23: Who wrote the music for the National Anthem?

Answer: The music for the National Anthem comes from an old English drinking

song named, "Anacreon in Heaven."

The Old Coot Gives A Heads Up

By: Merlin Lessler

pring is here. Finally! I'm not allowed to celebrate its arrival because I spent the winter in Florida and I didn't suffer through the unending bitter stretch of cold weather here. But anyhow, spring has sprung. You can tell; the birds are chirping, the buds are on the trees and bicycles are gliding along the side of the road.

Both varieties. The serious peddlers, hunched over carbon fiber frames on multi-thousand dollar velocipedes, bodies wrapped in Spandex, feet shod in bike shoes that interlock with the pedals, sleek (alien looking) aerodynamic

in bike shoes that interlock with the pedals, sleek (alien looking) aerodynamic helmets and electronic devices that measure hydration levels, pulse rates and calorie burn (to let the riders know they've had a good outing). Then there's my crowd. Well, it's not much of a crowd. Our numbers are small and shrinking; we'll soon be on the endangered species list. We shun the Spandex; if we wore it we'd look ridiculous, like the proverbial two pounds of baloney in a one-pound sack. No, we're in a comfortable pair of cargo shorts and t-shirt. Sneakers or flip-flops on our feet. And, NO HELMET!

We ride to the beat of a different drum. We do it to get from one place to another. The grocery store or café, for example. And, we also do it to feel the wind blow through our hair and enjoy the scenery along the way. To see things we miss when we pass by in a car.

I get a lot of flack for not wearing a helmet, from friends, from strangers, and especially from Fred Strauss, if he sees me ride bareheaded to a Rotary luncheon at the Treadway. He pulls me aside after the meeting and gives me a helmet lecture. I appreciate his concern; it's nice that he



cares. When he's done I hop on my bike and ride home without a helmet, or any intention of ever wearing one. I've done the math! I ride at a speed of 8 miles an hour, 10 with a tail wind. When I was a jogger, years ago, before old-coot-hood assaulted my muscles and joints, I ran at the same speed that I now achieve on a bike. Marathon runners go faster than that. I watch them run the New York City Marathon every year. 50,000 people going faster on two legs than I go on two wheels. And guess what? Not a single one wears a helmet.

So, if you see me, or any other old coot, peddling along the side of the road at a snail's pace and bareheaded, toot your horn. We'll know you approve. If you don't approve, give Fred Strauss a call. Maybe he can help you cope with the "advice offered and not taken" syndrome.

P.S. To my 92 and a half year-old, Iron Man friend, Bill Schweizer – Yes, I wrote about Spandex yet again, but notice I did not chastise those who wear it. (It was implied but not stated.) If you feel compelled to submit a poem to the editor in protest, you'll have to confine your rhymes to my bare head.

Oven Baked S'Mores

Ingredients:

2 pkgs. Crescent rolls

Large Hershey bar (or other milk chocolate bar)

Bag of large marshmallows

8 squares of graham crackers, crushed

2 Tbsp. melted butter

Cupcake liners

Directions:

Heat oven to 375

Put cupcake liners in muffin pan

Crush graham crackers ahead of time and place in a shallow bowl or dish.

Melt butter, and set aside. Open up each crescent roll and place a piece of chocolate and a marshmallow at the large end. Roll up carefully, making sure that all of the edges are pinched shut, and that no chocolate or marshmallow is showing through.

Brush rolls with melted butter, then roll into the graham cracker crumbs. Cover completely.

Place in individual cupcake liners. Bake for 10 minutes.

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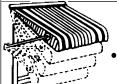
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- 8. You've driven through Yeehaw Junction.
- 9. You know that no other grocery store can compare to Publix.
- 10. You know that anything under a Category 3 just isn't worth waking up for.
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- 13. You know what a snowbird is and when they'll leave.
- 14. You think a six-foot alligator is actually pretty average.
- 15. 'Down South' means Key West.
- 16. Flip-flops are everyday wear. Shoes are for business meetings and church, but you HAVE worn flip flops to church before.
- 17. You have a drawer full of bathing suits, and one sweatshirt.
- 18. You get annoyed at the tourists who feed seagulls.
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The Old Coot Can't Mutter

By: Merlin Lessler

Back in "the day" people in polite society muttered under their breath. It started when they were kids and their mother said, "Put away that Monopoly game and go clean your room!" That's where the "mutter" came in, "Yea, well you're a Stupid Head!" It was muttered "under the breath," so mom knew you said something, but not what. It made you feel better after getting bossed around, but not in trouble for the cardinal sin of "sassing back." Your parent might ask, "What did you say?" You'd lie, and say, "Nothing." The "mutter" under your breath thing was an important component in maintaining a civil relationship. It provided relief for frustration without causing full-blown confrontation. Fortunately, it's a technique that's been adapted to our modern technological society. Kids don't mutter under their breath, but they are masters at "text" muttering. They reply, for example, to mom's text to, "Get your fanny home right now, young lady," with, "Yes mom, on my way. Love you; yash (you're a stupid head). Parents don't know they've just been sassed. If they Google for a meaning, they won't find it. It's a secret cipher that the best code breakers have yet to crack.

It's nice to see that the mutter tradition continues. It's healthy for kids to express their frustration at being bossed around by adults, and yet, keep things civil. I'm sure our mothers knew exactly what we'd muttered when we were growing up, but they were wise enough to let it drop. Over sassing, if detected, could not be ignored, and often resulted in a slap "upside" the head.

Old coots don't mutter. The world would be a better place if we did, but we don't. It's because our hearing prowess fades as we age and when we try to muter it comes out at full volume. "That's the stupidest thing I ever heard of," we'll try to mutter to the waitress who just informed us we're too late for the early bird special, but it comes out loud. We ruined her day, but it wasn't our intent. After this happens a few times we come to realize that we're not muttering and we kind of like how it feels. So we stick with it.



We don't text well, at least not proficiently enough to end a message with a YASH. Our deteriorating hand-eye coordination makes us hit the wrong keys and anything could come out in our message; we don't check our work before sending it and probably would insult the recipient. Which we want to do, but secretly. We'd end up with a black eye. And, that's just another peril of being an old coot.





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The results were consistent regardless of nationality, gender, education, and income.

A similar study, analyzing data from the General Social Survey of 1,230 U.S. citizens over time, also found that our willingness to trust increases as we grow older.

One possible explanation: As time goes on, most people tend to simplify their lives and spend more time with their families, resulting in a more positive and generous attitude about the world.



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- Multiple sclerosis. An analysis of two studies of people diagnosed with MS (one in the U.S. and one in Sweden) found that consuming at least four cups of coffee a day appears to delay the onset of symptoms. The caffeine, researchers say, seems to have neuroprotective properties that inhibit MS development.
- Liver cancer. Drinkers of three or more alcoholic beverages a day may be able to cut their risk of liver cancer by drinking coffee, according to a recent World Cancer Research Fund report. Coffee and coffee extracts appear to have a preventative effect on the expression of genes involved with inflammation—an effect that's most prevalent in the liver.



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