

Trivia

Sonora Dodd from Spokane, Washington, first suggested a “Father’s Day” in 1909 after listening to a Mother’s Day sermon. She hoped to establish a day to similarly honor her father, William Smart, who was a widowed Civil War veteran with six children and a farm. President Nixon made Father's Day an official holiday in 1972.

Over 87 million cards are sent each year on Father’s Day, making it the 4th most popular day for sending cards.

Halsey Taylor invented the drinking fountain as a tribute to his father, who contracted typhoid fever after drinking from a contaminated public water supply in 1896.

Charles Darwin, the “father of evolution,” was also a devoted father to his 10 kids.

Sea horses are the only animal species where the male becomes pregnant.

The father with the most children with one woman was Feodor Vassilyev. He and his wife had 69 children in the 1700s (16 pairs of twins, 7 sets of triplets and 4 sets of quadruplets).

The world’s oldest father is believed to be Ramajit Raghav from India. He was 96 years old when his 52-year-old wife gave birth to a baby boy in 2010. Raghav was single until he was in his 80s.

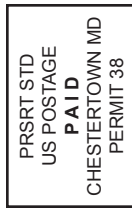
Wrestling and roughhousing with a father helps shape a child’s brain to help them manage emotion and develop a balance between thinking and physical action.

George Washington, the celebrated father of our country, had no children of his own.

Retired professional tennis player Andre Agassi's father represented Iran in the 1948 and 1952 Olympics as a boxer.

The voice of Papa Smurf, Don Messick, also provided the voice of Scooby-Doo, Ranger Smith on *Yogi Bear*, and Astro and RUDI on *The Jetsons*.

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Dates in History

- 1070** Roquefort cheese was created in a cave near Roquefort, France, on June 4th. European Union Law dictated that only those cheeses aged in the natural Combalou caves of Roquefort-sur-Soulzon may bear the name Roquefort, as it was a recognized geographical indication. In France, Roquefort is still known as "the king of cheeses."
- 1549** The Book of Common Prayer was first produced in England on June 9th, during the reign of Edward VI, and reflected England's split from the Roman Catholic Church under the previous monarch, Henry VIII. It was the first time a worship service book was written in English.
- 1927** On June 16th, Tommy Armour shot a final round 76 and 301 total in the 31st U.S. Golf Open held at Pennsylvania's Oakmont Country Club. The 12th hole at Oakmont measured 621 yards (568 m), the longest in U.S. Open history until 1955. Tommy Armour defeated Harry Cooper in an 18-hole playoff to win the first of his three major titles.
- 1973** *Living in the Material World*, by George Harrison, reached Gold Album status selling 500,000 copies by June 1st. The album is notable for the uncompromising lyrical content of its songs, reflecting Harrison's struggle for spiritual enlightenment against his status as a superstar.
- 2005** Andrew Michael Bogut, a 7-foot center Australian professional basketball player for the Sydney Kings of the National Basketball League, began his career in the U.S. National Basketball Association after he was selected by the Milwaukee Bucks with the first overall pick in the NBA draft on June 26th.

On the Lighter Side

My memory has gotten so bad it has actually caused me to lose my job. I'm still employed. I just can't remember where.

Some people say the glass is half full. Some people say the glass is half empty. Engineers say the glass is twice as big as necessary.

I asked the corporate wellness officer, "Can you teach me yoga?" He asked, "How flexible are you?" I said, "I can't make Wednesdays."

When an employment application asks who is to be notified in case of emergency, I always write, "A very good doctor."

Nothing ruins a Friday more than an understanding that today is Tuesday.

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

The proper way to use a stress ball is to throw it at the last person to upset you.

There is a new trend in our office: everyone is putting names on their food. I saw it today, while I was eating a sandwich named Kevin.

My annual performance review says I lack "passion and intensity." I guess management hasn't seen me alone with a Big Mac.

If every day is a gift, I'd like a receipt for Monday. I want to exchange it for another Friday.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that fire departments usually use water.

There are two kinds of people who don't say much: those who are quiet and those who talk a lot.