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Today is Drinking Straw Day. While plastic straws have become environmental enemy number one thanks to their impact on pollution, they are essential tools for many people with disabilities and chronic illnesses.

You Are What You Eat



Cincinnati residents know that goetta (pronounced *get-uh*) is nothing like scrapple. Goetta is a breakfast meat made by combining steel-cut or pinhead oats with pork or beef and spices. The mixture is pressed into a loaf pan. Slices are cut and fried for breakfast. The dish was invented by German immigrants to the Cincinnati area in the 19th century. Today, most of the goetta consumed in Cincinnati is made by Glier's Meats company, located across the river in Kentucky.

Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

cupola turret

oubliette belfry

ANSWER: An oubliette is a secret dungeon; the others rise above the roof.

Only Human

Humans are considered the smartest animals on the planet, thanks to their large brains and extensive social structure. That's why it came as a surprise when a group of monkeys repeatedly defeated humans at a simple computer game. Researchers believe that this is because the humans stuck to their losing strategies, whereas the monkeys changed their strategies and adapted to the challenges. Does this mean that humans are inherently afraid to try new things, even if their current situation is a losing one? Scientists speculate that the rote memorization and repetition emphasized in our school systems might be the culprit.

What's in a Name?

This leading lady of old Hollywood was born Greta Lovisa Gustafsson in Sweden.

ANSWER: Greta Garbo



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On This Date

1853 – After being tricked and kidnapped into 12 years of illegal slavery, Solomon Northup was freed. His memoir of this time, *Twelve Years a Slave*, is one of the most important American narratives about slavery and was adapted into an award-winning film of the same name in 2013.

1960 – French philosopher Albert Camus died in an automobile accident on his way home from spending the holidays in Provence, France. The driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a tree, despite going the speed limit on a straight road on dry pavement.



The circumstances prompted conspiracy theories about his death.

Did You Know?

If you started at *one* and counted up, you would not reach a number that includes the letter A until you got to 1,000.

Quote of the Day

“The superior man blames himself. The inferior man blames others.”

~ Don Shula

Happy Birthday!

Don Shula (1930–2020) was a football player and legendary NFL head coach from Grand River, Ohio. After playing six seasons, Shula coached in the NFL from 1963–1995, including 25 years with the Miami Dolphins, leading them to back-to-back Super Bowl wins in 1972 and 1973. With 347 total career victories, Shula remains the winningest head



coach in NFL history and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1997. Shula was married to his high school sweetheart, Dorothy, until her death in 1991, and they had five children. He retired to Florida with his second wife, Mary Anne, until his death at age 90.