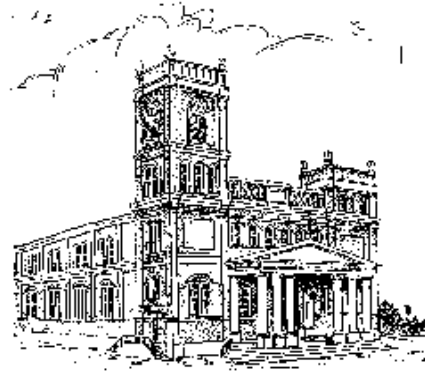


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A Little "extra" for O.L.G. parish family

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### **Caption on John Wayne's tombstone:**

Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes in at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives, and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we have learned something from yesterday."

#### **UNCLE SAM:**

The nickname for the US was derived from Samuel Wilson, a New York meat inspector. During the war of 1812, this man, who was often called Uncle Sam, stamped the letters U.S., on meat barrels designed for the American army, and this was interpreted by his workers to stand for their boss Uncle Sam. So the legend began.

**FLEA MARKETS** are so called because, when they first became popular over a hundred years ago, the old items offered for sale were thought to be full of fleas.

It is intriguing how your brain recognizes familiar faces. For example, it's the brain's right side which recognizes other people, but it's the left side which knows who you are. Scientists found that the right side of your brain is much better at recognizing familiar faces, for example, friends and relatives.

However, when you look in a mirror, or at a photograph of yourself, it is the left side when instantly says, "that's me."

- Everyone knows how to raise children except those who have them – P. J. O'Rourke
- A golden wedding is when a couple has gone fifty-fifty - Anon
- Marriage is a bit like the army. Everybody complains, but you'd be surprised at the large number that re-enlist – James Garner
- When telephones first came into use, "Ahoy" was used to establish that you were 'there' Thomas Edison, the inventor was said to have been the first person to answer the telephone with "hello." It was a word that some decades earlier had been used as a form of greeting.
- A guide dog cannot tell a green light from a red light. Before leading the master across the street, it watches the traffic flow to tell when it is safe to cross.
- It has been calculated that on a single flight across the Atlantic, a flight attendant walks about five miles.

- In the ancient Olympic Games in Greece, women were not allowed to watch. The reason? The contestants – all male – wore no clothing.
- Many people believe that the letters I.O.U. meant “I owe you.” Not so! The letters meant ‘I owe until’ followed by the creditor’s name.
- More people are allergic to cow’s milk than to any other food.
- A slice of lemon is often served with fish. This custom dates back to the Middle Ages when it was believed that, if someone accidentally swallowed a fish bone, the lemon juice would dissolve it.
- Arabs were the first to add heels to shoes. The heels were added to lift the feet from the burning sand.
- The ancient Romans were the first to wear platform shoes. They wore them to keep their feet out of the mud and water.
- The Vatican City comprises an area of just 108.7 acres.
- If you have been bitten by a mosquito, it was certainly a female mosquito. To produce their eggs, females need the protein from blood.
- Although millipede means ‘a thousand feet’ so far no millipede has been found to have more than 710 legs.
- There is no sound on the moon. This is because there is no air to carry it.
- Which came first, the chicken or the egg? According to the Bible (Genesis 1:20-22) – the chicken came first.
- The world’s famous Leaning Tower of Pisa took an incredible 174 years to build. It began to lean before it was finished.
- In 1626, a Dutchman bought Manhattan Island from some local Indians for just 24 dollars worth of trinkets. He called this new town New Amsterdam. It was later renamed New York.
- You lose between 30 and 60 hairs every day. But don’t worry. That still leaves you with about 100,000 and new hairs are growing all the time. Amazingly, each hair lasts from one to six years before the hair root withers and the hair drops out.
- The driest place on earth is the Atacama Desert in Chile. In parts, no rain had fallen for four hundred years between 1570 and 1971. other parts have never had rain at all.
- Did you know that lightening makes grass grow? It’s estimated that lightening produces an incredible 100,000 tonnes of nitrate every year by converting the nitrogen in the air into an oxide by its intense heat. This is dissolved into the soil by rain and is taken up by the roots in the plants.
- The thickest skin is on the soles of your feet. Your lips and fingertips are among the most sensitive parts of your body along with your tongue.