

New Jersey, the most densely populated state in the U.S., was named after Jersey, the largest island of the Channel Islands.

The world's best-selling instrument, at approximately 3 million globally sold per year, is the harmonica. It's popularity is due to its convenient nature as it is one of the most small, lightweight and affordable instruments available.

The classic Western tv show Gunsmoke holds the records for most episodes of a live-action American program with a total of 635 episodes. Crime drama Law and Order: Special Victims Unit, is hot on its trail at 512 episodes and counting.

The largest fish in the world is the whale shark, which has the capacity to grow up to 50 feet long. Despite the inspiration behind its name, the whale shark is, in fact, 100% fish.

Heroin was once marketed and sold in the United States as a popular cough suppressant from 1895 to 1924. At that time, Congress ruled against its use, arguing that while it did suppress coughs, it also was dangerously addictive for its users.

New York City briefly passed an ordinance that banned women from smoking in public in 1908. The law lasted a mere two weeks before the mayor was prompted to veto it due to massive backlash from the public.

The inventor of Pringles, Frederic Baur, was so devoted to his brand that upon his death, he had his ashes buried in his iconic Pringles can.

Ruth Wakefield was a chef and dietician who is best known for inventing one of the most iconic desserts in American history: the chocolate chip cookie. She later sold her recipe to Nestle and in return received a lifetime supply of chocolate.

Though high heels are now seen as women's footwear, they were originally designed for men. Originating in Persia as a way for men to enhance their height, high heels were then brought to France where they rapidly gained popularity and spread across the globe.

According to legend, coffee was called the "Devil's Drink" before Pope Clement VIII (1536-1605) tasted it and decided to claim it for Christianity. After trying the beverage for himself, he liked it so much that he gave coffee its own baptism, helping spread its popularity across Europe.

In ancient Rome, the sweat of gladiators was mixed into perfume, as it was believed to be an aphrodisiac.