

1: 8 Surprising Facts about Alexander the Great - HISTORY

Jul 16, 2015. The United Nations Population Division, which tracks demographic data from around the world, has dramatically revised its projections for what will happen in the next 90 years.

I never dress better. But I would have rehearsed. Back then, TED talks were considerably less important events and therefore a lot more improvisational, so I just grabbed some PowerPoint slides from previous lectures, rearranged them on the airplane to California, and then took the stage and winged it. I had no idea that on that day I was delivering the most important lecture of my life. *Mea Maxima Culpa* When you wing it, you make mistakes; and when millions of people watch you wing it, several hundred thousand of them will notice. The first mistake occurred when I misstated the facts about the study by Brickman, Coates and Janoff-Bulman on lottery winners and paraplegics. So why has this study become the poster child for the concept of hedonic adaptation? Second, most of us would expect paraplegics to be wildly less happy than either controls or lottery winners, and in fact they were only slightly less happy though it is admittedly difficult to interpret numerical differences on rating scales like the ones used in this study. You can read the original study [here](#). The Case of Moreese Bickham: He was ultimately exonerated, at the age of 78, through DNA evidence. Bickham did or did not commit the crime is debatable. His attorney tells me that he believes Mr. Bickham was innocent, the state evidently believed otherwise, and I am no judge. Bickham was not exonerated on the basis of DNA evidence, but rather, was released for good behavior after serving half his sentence. How I managed to mangle these facts is something I still scratch my head about. But while I got these ancillary facts wrong, I got the key facts right: Bickham did spend 37 years in prison, he did utter those words upon his release, and he was and apparently still is much happier than most of us would expect ourselves to be in such circumstances. You can read about him [here](#). Digging Deeper I mentioned two of my own studies in my talk, and people often write to ask where they can read about them. The study of the amnesiacs who were shown the Monet prints was done in collaboration with Matt Lieberman, Kevin Oschner, and Dan Schacter, was published in *Psychological Science*, and can be found [here](#). The study of Harvard students who took a photography course was done in collaboration with Jane Ebert, was published in *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, and can be found [here](#). What I discovered at TED in was that I could tell a story about human psychology to regular folks and some of them would actually want to hear it. I left TED determined to devote a portion of my professional life to telling people about exciting discoveries in the behavioral sciences. Whatever it is, you can almost certainly blame it on TED.

2: The surprising history of abortion in the United States - CNN

A photographer who has worked with Victoria's Secret for 20 years told us the surprising recent change in the models' show routines.

It can write for a mile. Or if you work in a government office or at the Pentagon, crack open practically any desk drawer. But appearances can be deceiving. An example of those specs: A single pen was required to be able to write a linear mile before needing an ink refill and had to be able to withstand extreme temperatures. Skilcraft pens are notable for another reason. For the past 50 years, they have been produced by sight-impaired workers under an year-old program dating to the New Deal to employ blind Americans. The company recently marked 50 years since the first pens rolled off the production line. The instantly recognizable government pen. First, a brief history lesson. The Skilcraft pen was born in a bygone age, largely before the government bought commercial products to stock its office supply closets. That meant reams of exacting government requirements: The pen barrels had to withstand temperatures as extreme as a North Pole winter and a Death Valley summer — from negative 40 degrees Fahrenheit to degrees. The pens had to write for nearly a linear mile — about 5, feet of paper — before the ink cartridge needed to be refilled. The ink had to dry within five seconds and be guaranteed not to smear or blot. Printed on paper, the ink had to withstand being submerged underwater for 48 hours and two doses of chemical bleach. Many of the specifications stem from their planned use in the military. The company said the pens have been used in every U. As the government began buying more commercial products over the years, the military-grade requirements mostly fell by the wayside. But the company says the instantly recognizable pens are still largely made the same as they were half a century ago. I could throw it in the desk drawer and two years later pull it out and it would continue to write. The bottom part of the barrel is also reportedly the exact length of a 2-minute fuse. Female sailors have used the tip of the pen to make sure their fingernails stay within the 1-quarter-inch regulations, according to a letter to the editor in the military newspaper, Stars and Stripes. And, yes, according to the lore, Navy medics have used the pen barrels to perform emergency tracheotomies. And, according to pen fanatics, they write well and are inexpensive. Each year, several dozen workers crank out about 8 million pens, Lynch said. The pens are sold to the government under the AbilityOne program, which helps ensure some federal contracting dollars go toward companies that employ the disabled. You can score your own box, too. While the site is primarily geared toward government buyers, private citizens who create a login can make purchases, too, Lynch assured. Beyond the nostalgia factor and their newfound internet fame, the pens remain a source of pride for the workers who produce them. The unemployment rate for working-age blind Americans is about 70 percent. This website is not intended for users located within the European Economic Area.

3: The surprising influence of the Chinese zodiac |

But in the 25 years since the movie came out, even more parallels between Paur and his protagonist Ribaldi have emerged. Paur worked on virtually every aspect of the movie from writing the script.

By Sam Smith Tyler Ulis is the kind of guy you root for. Not because he is your size, but because he always was doubted and had to prove himself with his intelligence, his spirit and his dedication. I grew up watching these guys. The Bulls claimed him off waivers from the Golden State Warriors. Ulis is slated for a G-league contract, but given his history, it may not be so much that Ryan Arcidiacono or Cameron Payne should worry about their position. Perhaps Kris Dunn as well. So I feel like I can fit in and play my style. Looking to show our skills in the NBA at this level, showing that we can stick and prove other teams wrong. Bring energy defensively and offensively. Unsurprisingly overlooked or dismissed because of his height, the speedy Ulis only received major scholarship offers late and eventually went to the U. The following season, his final one in college, Ulis was named not only the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, but also the conference Defensive Player of the Year. Yes, at about Only Anthony Davis had done that previously. Most tend to be comets flashing across the NBA landscape in a bright shock, eventually to fizzle out because of their size and use. He seems to be one of those guys who just refuses to be dismissed. But at the end of the day no one can take from you what you do on the court. I feel like I can play at this level. I feel like if I would have shot the ball better I would be in a better position. Though not as high as No. Valentine, meanwhile, remains uncertain for the Thursday opener with ankle problems. Ulis was drafted 34th by the Suns. The Bulls selected Paul Zipser at No. You know those scouts often select height and weight charts over basketball games. So Ulis went to Phoenix and the G-league. But by mid season as a rookie he had beaten out Knight with what then coach Earl Watson said was the biggest heart. He finished the last nine games averaging 19 points and 8. Teams always try to find bigger and stronger guards, many of whom Ulis generally ends up outplaying. Ulis started 43 games for the Suns last season and averaged 7. His three-point shooting was an adequate 36 percent in that stretch and his assist to turnover ratio was almost three to one. Without any true point guard, the Suns, nevertheless, released Ulis. I feel like I showed I could play at this level, but they went a different way. The Bulls moved in quickly when he was released. He picks up full court, he gets up underneath you, he can make a shot. I was very impressed with his first workout. But what he did show was an ability to push the ball down the floor with great pace, and again a defensive intensity in getting up underneath his guy. And Ryan Arcidiacono, I thought played really well the other night against Denver in the second half. Family and friends are around. Submit your question to Sam at asksam@bulls.com. All opinions expressed by Sam Smith are solely his own and do not reflect the opinions of the Chicago Bulls or its Basketball Operations staff, parent company, partners, or sponsors. His sources are not known to the Bulls and he has no special access to information beyond the access and privileges that go along with being an NBA accredited member of the media.

4: The surprising role cheese played in human evolution

Nov 01, Â· Seven years after he became the youngest player to win the NBA's MVP award and six years since he last averaged more than 20 points per game, Rose delivered one of the more surprising NBA.

The most important abortion case in decades In Latin America, requests for abortions rise as Zika spreads Drugs to induce abortions were a booming business. They were advertised in newspapers and could be bought from pharmacists, from physicians and even through the mail. The earliest efforts to govern abortions centered on concerns about poisoning, not morality, religion or politics. It was the midth century, long before abortion became the hot-button issue it is now. All of this is according to historian Leslie Reagan, whose book on abortion history in the United States is considered one of the most comprehensive to date. Hellerstedt, which has been called the biggest abortion case to hit the high court in two decades. In a ruling, the high court struck down a controversial Texas abortion law, giving a victory to abortion rights groups. But it came as many states have clamored to ramp up abortion restrictions. Wade legalized abortion across the United States, states have enacted more than 1, laws to limit access to the procedure, according to the Guttmacher Institute , a sexual and reproductive rights organization. More than a quarter of these laws passed between and So how did we get here? With the help of Reagan, author of "When Abortion Was a Crime," and the nonprofit Our Bodies Ourselves , we set out to learn what abortion was like in America before What we found was full of surprises. The view from centuries ago In the 18th century and until about , abortions were allowed under common law and widely practiced. They were illegal only after "quickening," the highly subjective term used to describe when pregnant women could feel the fetus moving, Reagan said. The abortion ruling no one knew about: Laws that impede the freedom of physicians to provide care using their best medical judgment are not supported by the AMA. The association, an AMA spokesman said, "seeks to limit government interference in the practice of medicine and oppose government regulation of medicine that is unsupported by scientific evidence. The impetus was manifold. But this was also a time, Reagan said, in which women were lobbying for entrance into Harvard Medical School, in part so they could pursue work in obstetrics and gynecology. The force behind this 19th-century AMA anti-abortion campaign was Dr. The crusade proved to be a form of backlash against the shifting aspirations of women. It was "antifeminist at its core," Reagan wrote. The AMA pushed for state laws to restrict abortions, and most did by Then the Comstock Law, passed by Congress in , banned items including abortion drugs. Her main clientele, Reagan wrote, were "married, white, native-born Protestant women of upper and middle classes. And the idea of being out-populated by "others" worried some anti-abortion activists like Storer. He argued that whites should be populating the country, including the West and the South. Practitioners did their work behind closed doors or in private homes. Or women without means resorted to desperate -- and often dangerous or deadly -- measures. At times, abortion rates increased in the face of the law. The Depression was a perfect example. Specialists passed out business cards and opened up clinics, Reagan explained, and nobody bothered them. In the s and s, the estimated number of illegal abortions ranged from , to 1. They sought out back-alley procedures or took matters in their own hands: These methods resulted in medical emergencies and, in some cases, death. Some groups sprouted to help prevent such outcomes. In the late s, before abortion was legalized again in the United States, concerned pastors and rabbis set up the Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion to help women find safe illegal abortions. An underground abortion service also was established by feminists in Chicago. But then trained members began performing procedures themselves. Between and , the members of the group provided more than 11, safe abortions, according to Laura Kaplan, author of "The Story of Jane. The Rubella or German measles outbreak in the United States between and posed significant dangers to unborn children and played a big part in changing the conversation about abortion in the United States. With the passage of Roe v. Wade in , the U. Supreme Court legalized abortions in this country. Now, in Latin America, where the Zika virus is threatening pregnancies, women there are seeking abortions at higher rates , a new study shows. In most of those affected countries, though, abortion is highly restricted and, in some cases, downright illegal.

5: The surprising hobby the Queen does only once a year while at Balmoral - VIDEO

A's skipper Bob Melvin beats Alex Cora and Kevin Cash for Manager of the Year award. Bob Melvin of the A's wins Manager of the Year after surprising season. Mike Oz. Yahoo Sports.

Probably made mostly from sheep or goats milk, the cheese was found several years ago by archaeologists in the ancient tomb of Ptahmes, who was a high-ranking Egyptian official. The substance was identified after the archaeology team carried out biomolecular identification of its proteins. So although dairy products are a daily part of the diet for many living in Europe, Northern India and North America, drinking milk in adulthood was only possible from the Bronze Age, over the last 4,000 years. For most of human history, adults lost the ability to consume milk after infancy and the same is true of people who are lactose intolerant today. After weaning, people with lactose intolerance can no longer produce the enzyme lactase. This is necessary to break down the lactose sugars in fresh milk into compounds that can be easily digested. People with lactose intolerance experience unpleasant symptoms if they consume dairy products such as bloating, flatulence and diarrhoea. Ancient DNA analysis on human skeletons from prehistoric Europe places the earliest appearance of the gene lactase gene LCT which keeps adults producing lactase to 2,000 BC. But there is plenty of evidence from the Neolithic period around 6,000 BC in Europe that milk was being consumed. This is not totally surprising though, as the Neolithic marks the start of farming in most regions of Europe and the first time humans lived closely alongside animals. And although they were unable to digest milk, we know that Neolithic populations were processing milk into substances they could consume. This then allows archaeologists to find out what was cooked or processed inside them. We have ancient ancestors to thank for the cheese we eat today. Shutterstock Although it is not yet possible to identify the species of animal, dairy fats can be distinguished. It is also challenging to determine what techniques were being used to make dairy products safe to consume, with many potential options. Fermenting milk, for example, breaks down the lactose sugar into lactic acid. Cheese is low in lactose because it involves separating curd from which cheese is made from whey, in which the majority of the lactose sugars remain. Clay sieves from Poland, similar to modern cheese sieves, have been found to have dairy lipids preserved in the pores of clay, suggesting that they were being used to separate curds from the whey. Whether the curds were then consumed or attempts made to preserve them by pressing into a harder cheese is unknown. Fermentation of milk was also possible to our ancestors, but harder to explore with the techniques currently available to archaeology. Early cheese making While the techniques from bioarchaeology have provided this fantastic detail on Neolithic diets, where the science stops, experimental archaeology can explore what was possible. We have been making cheese using the utensils, plants and techniques available to Neolithic farmers. The aim of the experiments is not to faithfully recreate early cheeses, but to begin to capture some of the decisions available to early cheese makers and the experiments have thrown up some interesting results. By using these ancient techniques, we have discovered that a wealth of different means of curdling the milk would have been possible, each producing different forms, tastes and amounts of cheese. And such specialist knowledge may have been akin to the spread of bronze smelting at the end of the Neolithic. Dairy may have had a special status among foodstuffs. For example, at the major late Neolithic feasting site of Durrington Walls, not far from and contemporary with Stonehenge, dairy residues were found in a particular kind of pottery vessel and concentrated in the area around a timber circle a form of Late Neolithic monument. From the Bronze Age, however, lactase persistence offered an advantage to some people who were able to pass this on to their offspring. It also seems that this advantage was not solely because of increased calorie and nutrient intake alone but because of the special status dairy foods may have had. The development of this biological adaptation to fresh milk took place after humans had already found ways to safely include dairy products in the diet. This shows that humans are not only able to manipulate their food to make it edible, but that what we consume can also lead to new adaptations in our biology.

6: The Surprising Most Popular Rentals Over 20 Years of DVD Netflix - Netflix DVD Blog

Jul 16, Â· Her modern-day reimagining of "Beowulf" is the most surprising novel I've read this year. It's a bloody parody of suburban sanctimony and a feminist revision of macho heroism.

For us, that means lists! So keep checking back. Our lists are not ranked; all items have equal standing in our brains. What items in our lists were your favorites? Did we miss something? We welcome respectful debate and discussion, so please let us know in the comments! The plot twist â€” a storytelling element that is as celebrated as it is derided. When employed properly it can shock fans with a sudden realization of a long-gestating part of the story, a sudden turn by a character, or a death that takes everyone by surprise. The below list are 25 that took us by surprise or we just plain loved over the last 25 years. Um, spoiler alert, obviously! With that revelation came the additional detail: It was the moment that turned S. The series was then set up for what looked to be a years-long mission to take down SD-6 â€” and suddenly in the middle of Season 2, they pull it off. The aliens need the help of humanity â€” three millennia in the future. Their view of time is different than ours, and Louise is having her own perception altered. So it was one hell of a shock â€” to viewers and to the character himself â€” when he was revealed alongside Anders, Tyrol, and Tory as four of the Final Five humanoid Cylons. Still, he maintains his humanity, for the most part, remaining the consummate soldier. In the character of Colonel Tigh, we wound up seeing the most humanity of anyone. Video of Would You Kindly? Everything you did in the game now comes into question. Were you ever doing anything good? Were you making the right decisions? The real video footage that Stripe watches at the end is so horrifying, he agrees to have his mind wiped and his MASS reset. Hail Hydra One of the most controversial moments in superhero comics history just happened in the last year. The Marvel Universe was also irreparably changed, with major characters dead and an entire city destroyed. Now on the run from these creatures, he busts through the wall around the city, only to see outer space â€” the city is floating through space, and has been all along. At the end of the movie, there he was, back in his bed, this time lying there as the jet engine slammed down out of the sky, killing him. It left audiences agape and full of questions: So did everything happen? Did he actually do all those things? But this artificial intelligence was really manipulating him, he was told. He still tries to help her, freeing her from confinement â€” only to have her betray him once and for all, leaving him behind, trapped and screaming while she takes his escape plan for herself. The fun of this twist is that by doing something truly selfish, Ava finally reached real sentience. Ned Stark loses his head Positioned as the primary protagonist of the entire series, it was a bit of a shock when Ned Stark was beheaded in the penultimate episode of the first season. Ned Stark was dead, and the real story was just beginning. Video of Game of Thrones: Then the Rains of Castamere start playing and, well, you likely know the rest. When book readers got to it, there were reports of them throwing their books across the room. He punched the walls of reality, changing little bits and pieces to gradually reshape things â€” that brought Jason Todd back to life, for example. But he also found a way to leave, destroying the JLA Watchtower and manipulating events. When Superboy Prime stood fully revealed as the villain, it was in the armor of the Anti-Monitor, finally fully becoming the thing he said he hated the most. Superboy Prime was also largely a character who was a commentary on comic book fans â€” a fandom that tries so hard to keep things the way they are, sometimes they wind up destroying it altogether. A lot of fans were very angry about this one, and it caused a lot of controversy. Fans were excited about seeing the Mandarin, in his big and crazy way with his alien power rings, and the marketing around Kingsley was entirely that he was the Mandarin, so it felt less like a twist to some fans than an intentional swerve see also:

7: AL Manager of the Year: A's skipper Bob Melvin beats Alex Cora, Kevin Cash

The Surprising Most Popular Rentals Over 20 Years of DVD Netflix February 28, in DVD Bytes Back in , the home video rental/sales business was \$18 billion annually, and was dominated by several large well-entrenched brick and mortar retailing chains, including Blockbuster.

8: Surprise, Arizona - Wikipedia

The Surprising History Behind Leap Year The ancient Egyptians did it, and so do we. Here's how a leap dayâ€”which occurs February 29â€”helps keep our calendars and societies in sync.

9: The 25 Most Surprising Plot Twists of the last 25 Years | SYFY WIRE

This 3,year-old find is exciting because it shows that the Ancient Egyptian's shared our love of cheese - to the extent it was given as a funerary offering.

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