



Horoscopes and Birthdays

Capricorns are born from January 1 to 19. They are pragmatic and forthright, so they have no problem sharing their advice. Capricorns can adopt new ideas and make quick judgments in tricky situations. If you were born between January 20 and 31, you are an Aquarius. Water Bearers have attractive personalities and are very imaginative and intuitive. Aquarians have a strong desire to help humanity, create unity.

Paul Revere – Jan. 1, 1735
Maxene Andrews – Jan. 3, 1916
Diane Keaton – Jan. 5, 1946
Paul Revere – Jan. 7, 1938
Kate Middleton – Jan. 9, 1982
Andy Rooney – Jan. 14, 1919
Charo – Jan. 15, 1951
Ethel Merman – Jan. 16, 1909
George Burns – Jan. 20, 1896
Django Reinhardt – Jan. 23, 1910
Paul Newman – Jan. 26, 1925
W.C. Fields – Jan. 29, 1880
Norman Mailer – Jan. 31, 1923

As Easy As Pie

Eskimo Pie may not have been a pie at all, but it sure was delicious. It was the first chocolate-covered ice cream bar. Christian Kent Nelson got the idea while working in his candy store. He watched as a small boy began to buy an ice cream, then changed his mind and bought a chocolate bar instead. Nelson asked him why he didn't buy both. The boy said, "Sure, I know I want 'em both, but I only got a nickel."

For weeks afterwards, Nelson worked around the clock trying to stick chocolate to ice cream. He teamed up with chocolatier Russell Stover and called his new treat the Eskimo Pie. On January 24, 1922, Nelson patented his idea. Soon millions of the treats were being sold across the globe, and Nelson was raking in \$2,000 a day in royalties. Now that's cold hard cash.

Notable Quotable

"A rich man is nothing but a poor man with money."

~ W. C. Fields
comedian

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Oatmeal Month

Soup Month

Trivia Day
January 4

Old Rock Day
January 7

Bubble Bath Day
January 8

Houseplant Appreciation Day
January 10



The largest snowflake ever recorded was 15 inches wide.

Full-Grown Flakes

Look in the sky! It's a bird. It's a plane! No wait, it's a giant snowflake! Believe it or not, snowflakes the size of dinner plates have been known to fall. On January 28, 1887, Matt Coleman, a rancher from Fort Keogh, Montana, saw a snowflake that measured 15 inches wide and eight inches thick. He described the falling flakes as "larger than milk pans."

How do you measure these monsters? Any kid could measure a snowflake with a ruler, but

Zap It! Dinner's Ready!

Sometimes the best inventions are the ones discovered by accident – penicillin, potato chips, even the microwave oven.

In 1946, Dr. Perry Spencer, an engineer for the Raytheon Company, was testing a device called a "magnetron," a tube that created microwaves. Magnetrons

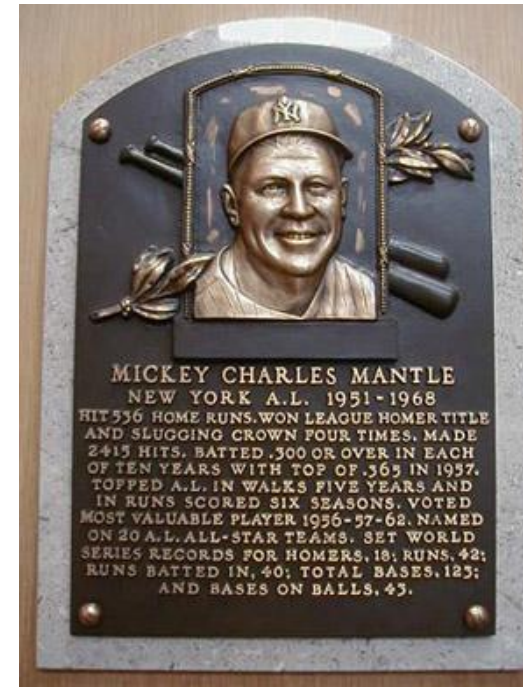


scientists are now making precise measurements with laser probes attached to airplanes.

Most snowflakes are a mass of snow crystals stuck together as they collide and combine in midair. However, it turns out that even some snowflake crystals can be big enough to see. The biggest individual crystals are the size of a dime. Imagine many of these dime-sized crystals sticking together, and you have one huge snowflake.

colleague in to watch as he placed an egg near the magnetron. The egg shook, and the colleague leaned in for a closer look – perhaps too close, because the cooked egg exploded all over his face. Spencer knew he had stumbled upon something great.

Engineers went to work on



Only 1 percent of those who ever played the game are inducted into the Hall of Fame. Of these record holders, Pete Rose, Barry Bonds, and Mariano Rivera are not in the Hall of Fame. Not yet anyway.