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STRANGE BUT TRUE

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- Masculine features are more attractive to a woman during her ovulation cycle, while softer, nurturing-looking features are preferred at other times.

- NBC's "Saturday Night Live" has won more Emmys than any other TV show.

- The verb "lynch" is generally believed to have originated with Virginia landowner Charles Lynch, who during the American Revolution conducted unauthorized trials and punishments outside the formal court system.

- According to Greek mythology, the Milky Way formed when the goddess Hera spilled milk across the night sky.

- The irresistible desire to steal books is known as bibliokleptomania.

- In the popular 18th-century "Flying Boy" experiment, English scientist Stephen Gray harmlessly electrified a boy suspended by silk cords, astonishing audiences as the boy's hair stood on end and sparks flew from his nose.

- Multiplication tables are also called the "Table of Pythagoras," after the Ionian Greek philosopher and mathematician.

- Chewbacca's voice in "Star Wars" was created by mixing the sounds of bears, lions, walruses and badgers.

- The University of Bologna, Italy, which was founded in 1088, is the oldest university in Europe. The term "university" was coined at its creation and it is still considered a leader in European university systems. Its notable alumni include Pope Innocent IX and Copernicus.

- The first acoustic guitars made hundreds of years ago had four, as opposed to six, strings.

- Doctors leave sponges and other medical devices inside of their patients about 6,000 times a year.

- Some critics theorize that zombies gnaw on humans because their warm flesh may have to do with a virus needing fresh DNA or some parasitic micro-organism that receives a form of nourishment from live blood cells.

Thought for the Day: "In nothing do men more nearly approach the gods than in giving health to men." — *Marcus Tullius Cicero*