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STRANGE BUT TRUE

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- A cook actually cuts himself or herself less with a sharp knife because the latter uses less force to cut through food.

- Goslings begin communicating with their parents while they're still in their eggs.

- Baseball's L.A. Dodgers, originally founded in Brooklyn, were named after the legendary skill local residents showed at "dodging" the city's trolley streetcar system.

- Since Pablo Picasso died without a will, his estate tax was paid with his paintings.

- On May 19, 1956, Kermit the Frog received an Honorary Doctorate of Amphibious Letters from Southampton College in New York. He also gave the commencement speech.

- In August 1914, German troops shot and killed 150 civilians at Aerschot as part of a war policy called Schrecklichkeit, or "frightfulness." Its purpose was to terrify civilians in occupied areas so they wouldn't rebel.

- About 1% of people have feet that are the same size.

- According to the U.N., the world's industries use enough sand to build a wall 88.5 feet tall and 88.5 feet wide around the Earth every day.

- South Carolina is the only state to own and operate its own school bus fleet.

- In a survey of 5,000 singles conducted by Match.com, 43% said fresh breath mattered the most before a date.

- A turkey's skin can either turn blue, vivid red or white when it's excited, frightened or attracting a mate.

- The South Pole's Don Juan Pond is too salty to freeze, even during Antarctica's winters.

- As recently as the 18th century, American women washed themselves in the warm urine of a young boy to erase their freckles.

Thought for the Day: "Everyone may not be good, but there's always something good in everyone. Never judge anyone shortly, because every saint has a past and every sinner has a future." — *Oscar Wilde*

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