Totally and Completely Random

Excited about the plums and peaches in the dhall? Don’t forget the bananas. A few facts about some dhall friends.

The banana plant is the largest known plant without a solid trunk. In part because of this, the bananas is not botanically a fruit but a berry. If classify as a fruit, however, bananas are, by weight, the world’s second highest fruit crop, ahead of grapes but behind oranges. India and Brazil produce more bananas than any other country and they are not grown at all in the continental United States. Bananas also contain more vitamin B6 than any other fruit, a vitamin which is most commonly associated with generating good moods and happy attitudes. It has been suggested that these benefits help to explain the banana’s Latin name of the banana (musa sapientum), which means “fruit of the wise men.”

Elephants in Burma have been known to silence bells hung around their necks by clogging them with mud so that they won’t be heard when stealing bananas.

One of the earliest known fruits, the banana is mentioned in 327 BCE by Alexander the Great, who described the fruit during one of his conquests.

The banana finds its origins in the Malaysian jungles Southeast Asia. From there, they migrated to the Middle East and Africa, and were eventually transported to the Canary Islands and the Americas. Bananas first went on sale in Britain in 1633. Three-hundred and forty seven years and one day later, Dr. Canaan Banana became President of Zimbabwe. It was only in 1876 at the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition that banana was first introduced to the US. It sold for ten cents a piece. Unlike nearly everything else, its value has remained relatively untouched by inflation.

Get out of Here!

Events in Boston

• Tuesday Night City Skate-Inline Club of Boston: Tues 9/15, 7:15p, DCR Hatch Shell, Boston. Leave 7:30p. Usually end the skate near the Boston Common or Copley Square.
• The 10th Annual South Boston Street Festival: Sat 19 11a-4, East Broadway, South Boston.
• Boston Pops with Ben Folds: Fri, Oct 2, 8pm, Boston Symphony Hall.

Questions to Ponder

• What is your hidden talent?
• What is your guilty pleasure?
• What is your favorite dance move?
• Which superhero would you most like to defeat?
• What is your favorite childhood memory?
• Which language would you most like to speak fluently?

Command Center

Make an exciting plan for Sat Nov 7th. Stick with it.

Pirate Facts

• Pirates did not actually say “arrr”. The origin came from Hollywood actor Robert Newton, who played Long John Silver in the 1950s had a regional accent from the Cotswolds district of southwest England where they roll the "r".
• Pirates pierced their ears because it was believed that piercing the ears with precious metals improved eyesight.
• “Davy Jones’ Locker” is real nautical term that dates back to the 1700s. Davy Jones was sailor slang for the Devil;
• No one has actually ever found a real pirate’s buried treasure map. Never too far from death, most pirates tried to enjoy their money quickly. At any rate, there aren’t any maps around today, unless some are still cleverly hidden.
• Pirates often didn’t get enough vitamin C while on long voyages which resulted in them getting a disease called “crickets” that caused them to go blind in one eye. This is why pirates often are depicted wearing eye-patches.
• Blackbeard’s peg leg was a medical necessity, but other pirates got wooden legs as a fashion statement. Some peg legs were actually quite gaudy and covered in jewels.
• Although much is made of the fact that pirates used the phrase “arrrrr”, actual pirates actually punctuated their sentences with the letter "q." For instance, "Q, me treasure is over there, matey.”
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Best of the Q

• “You should take this course...if you hate yourself and the pursuit of knowledge.”
• I was expecting more, but it's hard to teach a seminar with about 100 people.
• If you like your classes to be organized and fair, don’t take this class.
• Stay as far from this class as you can. You’ll be sorry, very sorry that you enrolled. God knows I am.
• This is a very, very easy class, but it isn’t particularly enjoyable if you’re not excited about the subject to begin with. As in, it doesn’t do much to get you excited about the subject, and may in fact do just the opposite.
• I was that senior who took this class pass/fail because it looked fun and easy, and they tried to fail me.
• It will kick your ass harder than you ever thought possible and you will stress and you may even cry, but at the end of the year you’ll be happy you took it...maybe.
• For an anthro or social science major, it would probably be DEPLORABLY boring
• It fulfills the lit-B requirement but you will actually be stupider when you come out.
• You will only get an A if you are incredible.
• Though the teachers say that artistic ability is not graded, it is...
• Much of the course seemed, I can’t think of any other way to put it, like complete bullshit.
• Somewhat informative bullshit, sometimes. The final project was fun. But bullshit nonetheless.
• One of my friends switched concentrations to avoid this class.
• Have no pride about this class. Get a tutor at the beginning, and live in office hours. Be the kid who ALWAYS asks questions, even if you think they might be dumb ones. Let it take over your life. It’ll be better that way.

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