

Statistical lore for everyday living
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Percentage of 150 married couples studied at Brigham Young University in Utah in which one spouse was a "morning person" and one was a "night person": 50

Percentage of couples whose cycles coincided who reported marital problems: 8

Of those with out-of-sync cycles: 33

Amount of rum sold in Canada in 1989 as a percentage of all spirits sold: 18.3

In Nova Scotia: 51.6

Amount of gin sold in Canada as a percentage of spirits sold: 6.8

In Quebec: 21.6

Global mean temperature on Earth Day, in degrees Celsius: 15 (59°F)

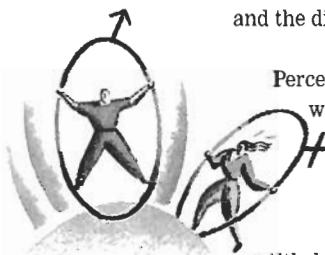
At the height of the last ice age, 18,000 years ago: 11 (51°F)



Percentage of net profits from the 1988 Eddie Murphy comedy *Coming to America* awarded to humorist Art Buchwald and his partner after their lawsuit against Paramount Pictures: 19

Amount grossed by the film as of early 1990: \$144 million

Profit, as calculated by Paramount after deductions for distribution fees and expenses, percentages paid to Murphy and the director, the cost of making the film and interest expenses: \$00.00



Percentage of 3,000 U.S. women polled by the Roper Organization who said men were "basically selfish and self-centred": 42

Who said marriage was better than living alone: 90

Number of Canadian publishers to which hoaxer Crad Kilodney submitted 80 poems by Irving Layton, retitled and under an assumed name, as an unsolicited manuscript: 26

Number that bothered to read the submission: 17

Number that either recognized the poems as Layton's or liked the work enough to invite the "author" to visit for further discussions: 3



Price paid to sellers of U.S. waste newspaper in San Francisco and Los Angeles in 1989, per short tonne: \$32

Price New Yorkers had to pay in 1989 to get someone to cart away their waste newspaper, per short tonne: \$24



Number of children who were hit in the face with a shovel, bicycled into a tree, tumbled down a hill or fell out of a swing, and number of women who fell off a bench, were thrown by a horse or fell off a camel on the March 11 broadcast of the TV series *America's Funniest Home Videos*: 13

Rating of the show that week among all series on U.S. television: 1

Number of red-spotted lizards used to flavor each giant batch of rice-based Red Spotted Lizard Wine produced by a brewery in the county of Bama, China: 1,368

Number of people more than 100 years old per 100,000 people in Bama: 23

Number of angels that National Research Council employees in Ottawa have managed to etch with an ion beam on the point of a pin: 1,711



Statistics drawn from latest data available as of June, 1990. All financial figures expressed in Canadian dollars.