



# Only In America



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I love research. I'm changing my subject matter to news. News that you won't read about too often in our local papers. What you read here has been gathered from the most reliable news sources in America. The information is truthful and verifiable although some may seem unbelievable. We live in a world where sometimes the news causes us to shake our heads and think... only in America. Here's my Top 10 for June.

A Minneapolis man who'd been shot six times stumbled into a bar that happened to be packed with off-duty nurses. Six medics used bar towels to apply pressure to the bullet wounds, saving a man's life. "I love you guys," he said. ~ The Week

A Florida high school student was expelled and charged with two felonies after mixing two chemicals to see what would happen. Straight-A student Liera Wilmot combined aluminum foil and toilet bowl cleaner in a plastic bottle, producing a popping sound and a small amount of smoke. No one was hurt and nothing was damaged, but the school said expulsion and felony charges would teach her that there are "consequences to actions." ~ Businessinsider.com

Frustrated by her mom and dad's insistence that the internet be shut off at 10 p.m., the 15-year-old girl and her 16-year-old friend side-stepped her family's 10 p.m. Internet curfew by drugging her parents with sleeping-pill laced milkshakes. After her folks woke up with horrific hangovers, they called the police and she was arrested. ~Foxnews.com

America now has more devices that connect to the Internet than it has people. The nation's 311.5 million residents owned more than 425 million personal computers, tablets, smart phones, and gaming consoles according to the research company NPD group. ~USA Today

A group of Clemson science students found that a typical beer pong ball is polluted with up to 3 million germs, including salmonella, listeria, staff, and E. coli. Many of those germs end up in the beer. ~ NYdailynews.com

The school board in Windham, Mass., voted in March to ban the popular, ubiquitous dodgeball activity from the district's curriculum because the game treats players as "human targets." Dodgeball (even though played these days with a foam ball) also suffers from "eliminating" players as the game progresses. ~The Eagle Tribune

In 2011, 663,032 people were arrested in the United States for marijuana possession- 128,328 more than were arrested for all violent crimes combined. ~HuffingtonPost.com

After the Social Security Administration issued, then retracted, an official reprimand to a flatulent staff member. The worker was told that his gas-passing constituted "conduct unbecoming a federal employee" until higher-ups withdrew the rebuke. ~ABC2news.com

About 80,000 people were caught lying about prior criminal records when attempting to buy a gun in 2010. Only 44 of them were charged with a crime. ~The New York Times

A New Jersey dog training school is offering classes in dog yoga. As sitar music plays, dogs sit quietly while their owners do yoga over them and beside them, and then the owners stretch their pets limbs to relaxing poses. The instructor Karin Stotzer says most dogs like the classes because "they feel the calming energy." ~TheDailyRecord.com