**In The Beginning**

**Cable TV was born in 1948, when Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, appliance store owner John Walson ran a cable from an antenna on top of a mountain down to his store in the valley, so he could demonstrate his televisions to potential customers. He then ran lines to the homes of his customers that lived along the path of the cable. Walson charged one hundred dollars for the hookup and two dollars a month service fee. The company he founded – Service Electric Cable TV Inc. – is still in business today. *(Don Voorhees, in The Perfectly Useless Book of Useless Information, p. 98)***

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 **Today, April 23rd, 2024, is World Book Day**

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**When Theodore Roosevelt made up his mind as a boy to build up his puny body, he showed some dedication, all right. In his exercises to that end, he broke his arm, wrist, nose, shoulder and several ribs. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**April 23rd, 2024 - On October 17, 1888, the first issue of National Geographic was published. The magazine contained no photos. *(The Daily Chronicles) starting small***

**April 16th, 2024 - The jukebox *(Samantha Weaver, in Tidbits of Loveland) humble beginnings***

**April 9th, 2024 - White House *(Bernie Smith, in The Joy of Trivia, p. 243) humble beginnings***

**April 2nd, 2024 - Pizza Huts *(William Ecenbarger, in Reader’s Digest, May, 1986) starting small***

**March 25th, 2024 - Cheers *(Joe Garner, in Stay Tuned, p. 46) humble beginnings***

**March 18th, 2024 - Niagara Falls (Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts, p. 423) starting small**

**March 11th, 2024 - America's first bathtub *(Herbert V. Prochnow, in The Complete Toastmaster) fake news***

**March 4th, 2024 - Warren Buffett *(Harry Bright & Jakob Anser, in That’s A Fact, Jack!, p. 127) starting young***

**February 26th, 2024 “basketball.” *(Paul Stirling Hagerman, in It’s a Weird World, p. 10)* Basketball was born *(Earl and Miriam Selby, in Reader's Digest) humble beginnings***

**February 19th, 2024 - Back in 1967 *(Lynn DeBruin, in Rocky Mountain News, February 3, 2006)* “get-in” price *(CNN.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, February 16, 2024) football***

**February 12th, 2024 - Sidney Poitier *(Victor M. Parachin, in Unity magazine) humble beginnings***

**February 5th, 2024 - Ringling Brothers Circus *(Betty Debnam, in Denver Rocky Mountain News) starting small***

**January 29th, 2024 - J. F. Kraft *(L. M. Boyd) starting small***

**January 22th, 2024 - United Parcel Service *(Uncle John’s Bathroom 4-Ply Bathroom Reader) starting small***

**January 15th, 2024 - first automobile *(Bits & Pieces) 4901 humble beginnings***

**January 8th, 2024 - first passenger airline? *(Barbara Berliner, in The Book of Answers, p. 75) starting small***

[**January 1st, 2024 - first computers *(Samantha Weaver, in Tidbits)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/) ***computers***