

# Trivia

*did you know that ...*

U.S. President Calvin Coolidge liked to eat breakfast while having his head rubbed with vaseline.

*The word 'News' is actually an acronym standing for the 4 cardinal compass points - North, East, West, and South!*

The normal static electricity shock that zaps your finger when you touch a doorknob is usually between 10,000 and 30,000 volts!

*To have your picture taken by the very first camera you would have had to sit still for 8 hours!*

It takes six months to build a Rolls Royce...and 13 hours to build a Toyota.

*According to U.S. laws, a beer commercial can never show a person actually drinking beer.*

Baskin Robbins once made ketchup ice cream.

*When you walk down a steep hill, the pressure on your knees is equal to three times your body weight.*

Jimmy Carter is the first U.S. President to have been born in a hospital.

*A man named Charles Osborne had the hiccups for approximately sixty-nine years.*

The longest word in the English language is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanokoniosis! [noo-muh-noh-uhl-truh-mahy-kruh-skop-ik-sil-i-koh-vol-key-noh-koh-nee-oh-sis, nyoo-] Definition: an obscure term ostensibly referring to a lung disease caused by silica dust.

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# Product Spotlight

Dixon will be introducing a new Water Fitting called Sharkbite® Push-Fit Fittings in the 2010 Dixon Price List (DPL104) in March. This fitting can be used for water, dry clean air, or 100% glycol solutions and offers easy connection to copper, CPVC, and PEX in any combination.

The Straight Couplings connects tubing to tubing and when connected will not detach. Sharkbite® Push-Fit fittings are designed so that when connected to tubing the teeth inside will bite down allowing for a secure strong hold. No soldering, clamps, unions, or glue is needed; however fittings can be rotated after assembly for easier installation in tight spaces. Easy to disconnect if needed with use of a special clip.

The Straight Connectors are designed to connect a Female/Male National Pipe Thread to tubing. All Sharkbite® Push-Fit Fittings are certified to 200 PSI and 200F, and approved for use underground and behind walls without access panels. The material available is forged brass and are certified for potable water and hydronics.

In addition to having an integral tube liner for PEX installations, it's also design certified and listed to ASSE 1061/NSF 61, listed by IAMPO. The fittings also meet UPC, IPC, and cUPC requirements. Sizes range from 1/2" to 1", please call the factory at 800.355.1991 for further information.



# Dates in History

- 1790** On March 1st, the first U.S. census was authorized. Since that first day in 1790, we have been counting heads to determine Congressional districts, to allocate government money, to figure out unemployment rates, and so forth.
- 1854** On March 7th, the sewing machine that could stitch buttonholes was patented. In 1854, Charles Miller of St. Louis, Missouri, was granted a patent for the invention of a sewing machine that could stitch buttonholes.
- 1879** On March 14th, Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany. The man who is regarded as one of the world's great geniuses was not a particularly good student. Albert Einstein won the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics for creating a tremendous revolution with his theory of relativity.

(Excerpted from On This Day in History)

- 1894** On March 22nd, 1894, the first championship series for Lord Stanley's Cup was played in Montreal, Canada. The Stanley Cup has since become one of the most cherished and recognized trophies in sport.
- 1938** On March 10th, for the first time since they began in 1927, the names of Academy Award winners were kept secret until their announcement at the awards ceremony, which took place on this day in 1938.
- 1947** March 17, 1949, the first car to carry the Porsche family name was introduced at the 19th International Automobile Show in Geneva, Switzerland.

# On the Lighter Side

One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when someone shouted....  
"Look at that dead bird!"  
Someone looked up at the sky and said...  
"Where???"

*Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: "Free to good home. You want it, you take it."  
For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it.  
He eventually decided that people were too untrusting of this deal.  
It looked to good to be true, so he changed the sign to read:  
"Fridge for sale \$50."  
The next day someone stole it.*

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called the computer guy, to come over. The IT guy clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. He gave me a bill for a minimum service call. As the IT guy was walking away, I called after him,  
"So, what was wrong?"  
He replied,  
"It was an ID ten T error."  
I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired:  
"An ID ten T error? What's that ... in case I need to fix it again?"  
The computer guy grinned...  
"Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?"  
"No," I replied.  
"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."  
So I wrote out ..... I D I 0 T.