# Trivia

#### did you know that ...

June is named for the Roman goddess Juno (Hera).

Most people dream every 90 minutes, and the longest dreams (30-45 minutes) occur in the morning.

Vending machines were developed in the United Kingdom in the 1880s and were used to sell gum at train stations in New York. By 1926, there was one vending machine for every 100 people in America.

Hurricane season begins June 1st and lasts until November 30th.

Racewalking has been an official Olympic sport for over 90 years. Distances vary from 1 mile to 95 miles.

Refrigerators in the U.S. consume about the same energy as 25 large power plants produce each year.

The first day of summer is known as the summer Solstice and in the US it falls on June 20 or June 21 each year.

June is National Iced Tea Month.

Enough sunlight reaches the Earth's surface each minute to satisfy the world's energy demands for an entire year.

Yellowstone covers 63 air miles (101 km) north to south and 54 air miles (84 km) east to west and is larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined

A bear's normal heartbeat is 40 beats per minute. A hibernating bear's heart rate drops to 8 bpm.

June has the longest daylight hours of any month of the year.

Cracker Jack originated in Chicago and was the first to use toys to target junk food to children.

Only 2% of the world's population has naturally blonde hair.



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# Product **Spotlight**

#### **New Dixon Price List**

The new 2014 price list will be effective July 1, 2014. The new catalog, DPL714, will be mailed to distributors in June 2014 and we are proud to once again expand our product offering. We anticipate these expanded product offerings will result in increased sales for you in 2014. New products will be launched in the following product categories:

- King Crimp fittings
- Boss LPS fittings
- cam and groove fittings



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- hydraulic fittings
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**King Crimp Fittings** King Crimp style nipples for floating flanges

### **Dates in** History

- 1777 On June 14th, the Continental Congress adopted a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be thirteen alternate stripes, red and white" and that "the Union be thirteen stars, white, in a blue field, representing a new Constellation." The national flag, which became known as the "Stars and Stripes," was based on the "Grand Union" flag, a banner carried by the Continental Army in 1776 that also consisted of 13 red and white stripes.
- **1884** On June 16th, the first roller coaster in America opened at Coney Island, in Brooklyn, New York. Known as a switchback railway, it was the brainchild of LaMarcus Thompson and traveled approximately 6 miles per hour and cost a nickel to ride.
- 1885 On June 17th, the dismantled Statue of Liberty, a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of America, arrived in New York Harbor after being shipped across the Atlantic Ocean in 350 individual pieces packed in more than 200 cases. The copper and iron statue was reassembled and dedicated the following year in a ceremony presided over by U.S. President Grover Cleveland.
- 1944 On June 22nd, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the G.I. Bill, an unprecedented act of legislation designed to compensate returning members of the armed services for their efforts in World War II.
- **1995** On June 29th, the American spaceshuttle Atlantis docked with the Russian space station Mir to form the largest man-made satellite ever to orbit the earth.

## On the **Lighter Side**

Jack strode into John's Stable looking to buy a horse. "Listen here," said John. "I've got just the horse you're looking for. The only thing is, he was trained by an interesting fellow. He doesn't go and stop the usual way. The way to get him to stop is to scream "heyhey" and the way to get him to go is to scream "Thank God." Jim nodded his head, "Fine with me, can I take him for a test run?" Jim was having the time of his life. This horse sure could run he thought to himself. Jim was speeding down the dirt road when he suddenly saw a cliff up ahead. "Stop!" screamed Jim, but the horse kept on going. No matter how much he tried he could not remember the words to get it to stop. "Yoyo!" screamed Jim, but the horse just kept on speeding ahead. It was 5 feet from the cliff when Jim suddenly remembered to scream "heyhey!" The horse skidded to a halt just 1 inch from the cliff.

Jim could not believe his good fortune. He looked up to the sky, raised his hands in the air, breathed a deep sigh of relief and said with conviction "Thank God."

Anxious to finally get the porch painted, I urged my husband to allow the man that knocked on our door looking for handiwork to do the job. The man happily agreed to paint it for \$50. We were thrilled at our good luck of getting our wide porch painted for a measly \$50. Minutes later there was a knock at the door. "All done," he said. "Already?" we both said at once. "Yeah, and by the way, it's a Lexus not a Porsche".

Q: What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? A: It gets toad away.



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