

Trivia

did you know that ...

The Tasmanian Devil stores body fat in its tail and an unhealthy devil often has a thin tail.

Drinking 16 ounces of ice water (0 degrees Celsius), requires the body to burn 17.5 Calories to warm the water up to body temperature. The recommended daily intake of water is 64 ounces (eight 8-ounce glasses). The body will burn 70 Calories if this amount is consumed as ice water.

The "baby carrots" sold in supermarkets, are often not from a smaller cultivar of carrot, but are simply full-sized carrots that have been sliced and peeled to make carrot sticks of a uniform shape and size.

There are more insects in one square mile of rural land than there are human beings in the world.

In American naval slang, submarines are the only vessels referred to as "boats", whereas surface vessels are colloquially referred to as "ships".

Nepal is the only country in the world whose flag is not square or rectangular shaped.

One inch of rain over one square mile is 17,378,700 gallons of water.

At a stride of 30 inches per step, you would have to take 2,112 steps to walk a distance of one mile.

Pablo Picasso's full name was "Pablo Diego José Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno María de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santísima Trinidad Martyr Patricio Clito Ruiz y Picasso."

Vanilla flowers may only be naturally pollinated by a specific bee found in Mexico. Vanilla grown elsewhere must have each flower individually pollinated by human workers.

The grapefruit is a hybrid between the pomelo (a citrus fruit native to Southeast Asia) and the orange.

The coconut is the largest seed in the world.

The number forty is the only number that, in the English language, has all of its letters in alphabetical order.

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Product Spotlight

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Dixon Powhatan introduces the AHGV250F-I aluminum single hydrant gate valve with speed handle. The AHGV250F-I pin lug swivel is a painted hard coat aluminum swivel with a speed handle. It has a light weight of **3 pounds 12 ounces**, and is rated to 175 PSI (water only).

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Product Safety

SAFETY ALERT

A fire hydrant is a critical component to protecting life and property. When properly used, the hydrant is fully open, charging hoses lines downstream. Critical to this process is a valve between the hydrant and the hose used to throttle water flow and thus minimize water hammer. Water hammer is a pressure surge or wave caused when the water in motion is forced to stop or suddenly change direction. Since this gate valve can not be slammed shut like a

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ball valve it eliminates the water hammer effect. If a hydrant gate valve is not used, the throttling of the hydrant can cause water hammer, which can damage the internal components of the hydrant itself. This is a costly replacment, and jeopardizes the safety of the property and life of people around the hydrant. Many municipalities around the US require that a hydrant gate valve be used by water trucks and fire professionals when taking water from a hydrant.

Dates in History

1876 On June 4th, a mere 83 hours after leaving New York City, the Transcontinental Express train arrived in San Francisco.

1933 On June 6th, 1933, eager motorists park their automobiles on the grounds of Park-In Theaters, the first-ever drive-in movie theater, located on Crescent Boulevard in Camden, New Jersey.

1935 On June 2nd, Babe Ruth, one of the greatest players in the history of baseball, ended his Major League playing career after 22 seasons, 10 World Series and 714 home runs. The following year, Ruth, a larger-than-life figure whose name became synonymous with baseball, was one of the first five players inducted into the sport's hall of fame.

1942 On June 12th, Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, receives a diary for her 13th birthday. A month later, she and her family went into hiding from the Nazis in rooms behind her father's office.

On the Lighter Side

Some race horses were staying in a stable. One of them starts to boast about his track record. "In the last 15 races, I've won 8 of them!"

Another horse breaks in, "Well in the last 27 races, I've won 19!!"

"Oh that's good, but in the last 36 races, I've won 28!", says another, flicking his tail.

At this point, they notice that a greyhound dog has been sitting there listening. "I don't mean to boast," says the greyhound, "but in my last 90 races, I've won 88 of them!"

The horses are clearly amazed. "Wow!" says one, after a hushed silence. "A talking dog."

The psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and was giving an oral test.

Speaking specifically about manic depression, she asked, "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?"

A young man in the rear raised his hand and answered, "A basketball coach?"

Recently, the Psychic Hotline and Psychic Friends Network launched hotlines for frogs. Here is the story of one frog and his discussion with his psychic.

A frog telephones the Psychic Hotline and is told, "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you."

The frog says, "This is great! Will I meet her at a party, or what?"

"No," says the psychic. "Next semester in her biology class."