# Trivia

#### did you know that ...

Mary Stuart became Queen of Scotland when she was only six days old.

Gatorade was invented by researchers at the University of Florida and named in honor of the Florida Gators.

A baby giraffe is about six feet tall at birth.

Cockroaches are one of the fastest insects on land. They can travel 4 miles per hour.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

There is 15,140 dollars of Monopoly money in a regular Monopoly game!

The average computer user blinks 7 times a minute.

Having five fridays in one month happens often, but the next time there will be five fridays in February won't be until the year 2036!

The only letter not appearing on the Periodic Table is the letter "J".

Cheerios were originally called 'Cheerioats.'

If you look at the top of a globe and spin it clockwise, when you look at the bottom, it will be spinning counterclockwise.

"Underground" is the only word in the English language that begins and ends with the letters "und".

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

A group of owls is called a parliament.

Tigers not only have striped fur but they also have striped skin!



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### Product Spotlight

#### Dixon announces the acquisition of the assets of Northline Coupling Systems, Ltd

Based in Mississauga, Ontario (Canada), Northline manufactures a variety of water movement products serving the municipal fire industry. Known for their rugged design and long-life performance, these products include aluminum threaded fittings and couplings, Storz couplings and adapters, dry fire hydrants, suction hose, and valve hardware.



The acquisition of the Northline product portfolio increases the breadth of Dixon's line of fire control products which are sold through fire suppression, fire protection and industrial distributors.

According to Hazen Arnold, Dixon Powhatan General Manager, the Northline acquisition is part of a long-term corporate strategy to build the most comprehensive, bestquality product resource for the fire industry. Northline will operate under the Dixon Powhatan Division.

"The Northline acquisition delivers major benefits for customers. Our 16 stocking warehouses across North America enable us to deliver parts and components far more quickly than other suppliers," Arnold said. "Plus, we'll continue to serve Northline distributors with a top-quality line of fire protection products from a trusted name in the industry - one of the most complete selections available from a single source," he remarked.

If you have any questions please contact Dixon's customer service at 877-963-4966.

#### Dates in History

- 1775 On September 1st, Richard Penn and Arthur Lee, represented the Continental Congress, and presented the so-called Olive Branch Petition to the Earl of Dartmouth. Britain's King George III, however, refused to receive the petition, which, written by John Dickinson, appealed directly to the king and expressed hope for reconciliation between the colonies and Great Britain.
- **1776** On September 9th, the Continental Congress formally declares the name of the new nation to be the "United States" of America. This replaced the term "United Colonies," which had been in general use.
- **1915** On September 6th, a prototype tank nicknamed Little Willie rolled off the assembly line in England. Little Willie was far from an overnight success. It weighed 14 tons, got stuck in trenches and crawled over rough terrain at only two miles per hour. However, improvements were made to the original prototype and tanks eventually transformed military battlefields.
- **1971** On September 28th, Baltimore Orioles pitcher Jim Palmer won his 20th game of the year, becoming the fourth Orioles pitcher to win 20 games in the 1971 season. This made the 1971 Orioles pitching staff the first since that of the 1920 Chicago White Sox to field four 20-game winners.
- **1976** On September 17th, NASA publicly unveiled its first space shuttle, the Enterprise, during a ceremony in Palmdale, California. Development of the aircraft-like spacecraft cost almost \$10 billion and took nearly a decade.

### On the Lighter Side

The way not to freeze up in an awkward or embarrassing situation is to pay a compliment. You will lessen the tension. I was talking to this guy I didn't know very well, and his toupee blew onto the sidewalk. Very embarrassing. So I said, "Gee, I like your hair like that." -George Miller

I'm walking to work up Sixth Avenue and it's a lovely spring day and I see one of those mime performers. So the mime is doing that famous routine where he's pretending to be trapped in a box. So I stand there and watch the mime pretend to be trapped in a box. And I see on the sidewalk there he's got a little hat for money--change, tips, donations, contributions. So I went over and I pretended to put a dollar bill in his hat. -David Letterman

Two skeletons used by the professor of anatomy found themselves stowed away in a dusty closet, and after several weeks of boredom one turned to the other and asked, "What are we doing shut up in here anyway?" "Got me," admitted his companion. "But if we had any guts we'd get out of here."

A man was trying to understand the nature of God, and asked him: "God, how long is a million years to you?" God answered: "A million years is like a minute." Then the man asked: "God, how much is a million dollars to you?" And God replied: "A million dollars is like a penny." Finally the man asked: "God, could you give me a penny?" And God said, "In a minute."