# Trivia

#### did you know that ...

"Bookkeeper" is the only word in English language with three consecutive double letters.

*Polar bears have more problems with overheating than* they do with cold. Even in very cold weather, they quickly overheat when they try to run.

The creosote bush, which grows in the Mojave, Sonoran, and Chihuahuan deserts, has been shown by radiocarbon dating to have lived some 10,000 years.

The only 2 animals that can see behind itself without turning it's head are the rabbit and the parrot.

Venice in Italy is built on 118 sea islets joined by 400 bridges. It is gradually sinking into the water.

The world's population has increased 3.1 billion in last 40 years.

The word "listen" contains the same letters as the word "silent".

The most powerful laser in the world, the Nova laser at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA, USA, generates a pulse of energy equal to 100,000,000,000,000 watts of power for 2-4 nanoseconds to a target the size of a grain of sand.

A 'geep' is the resulting offspring of a sheep and a goat.

The Hubble Space Telescope weighs 12 tons (10,896 kilograms), is 43 feet (13.1 meters) long, and cost \$2.1 billion to originally build.

The United Nations University is located in Tokyo.

Mass production of toothbrushes began in America around 1885. The first American to patent a toothbrush was H. N. Wadsworth, (patent number 18,653,) on Nov. 7, 1857.

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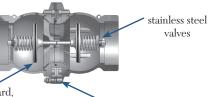
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### **Dates in** History

- On November 1st, the ceiling of the 1512 Sistine Chapel in Rome, one of Italian artist Michelangelo's finest works, was exhibited to the public for the first time.
- On November 26th, President Franklin D. 1941 Roosevelt signed a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. The tradition of celebrating the holiday on Thursday dates back to the early history of the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies.
- On November 16th, the British author J.K. 2001 Rowling's star creation--bespectacled boy wizard Harry Potter--made his big-screen debut in Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, which opened in movie theaters across the world.

# On the **Lighter Side**

A couple were vacationing in a national park. The wife expressed her concern about camping because of bears and said she would feel more comfortable in a motel. The husband said that he'd like to camp and to calm her concerns, they'd talk to the park ranger to see what the likelihood of a bear encounter would be. The ranger told them, "Well, we haven't seen any grizzlies in this area so far this year, or black bears, for that matter."

The wife shrieked, "There's TWO types of bears out here? How can you tell the difference? Which one is more dangerous?"

The ranger replied, "Well, that's easy, see, if the bear CHASES you up a tree and it comes up after you, it's a black bear. If it SHAKES the tree until you fall out, it's a grizzly."

The motel room was quite nice.

A golfer walked into the Pro Shop at the local course and asked the golf pro if they sell ball markers.

The golf pro said, "Yes, they are just \$1.00 each."

The guy gave the golf pro a dollar and said he would take one.

The golf pro opened the register, put the dollar in the tray and with a big smile handed the guy a quarter.

Faced with hard times, a company offered a bonus of one thousand dollars to any employee who could come up with a way of saving money.

The bonus went to a young woman in accounting who suggested limiting future bonuses to ten dollars.

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