

Trivia

did you know that ...

The blind cavefish is born with eyes, but they fall off as the fish grows.

In July 1874, a swarm of Rocky Mountain locusts flew over Nebraska covering an area estimated at 198,600 square miles. It is estimated that the swarm contained about 12.5 trillion insects. These insects became extinct thirty years later.

The loudest insect in the world is the male cicada, which is like a cricket. When they rub their abdomens, the sound made can be heard from 1300 feet.

The deepest mine in the world is the East Rand mine in South Africa, which goes to a depth of about 11,762 feet.

In 1819, the USA purchased Florida from Spain for the cancellation of a \$5 million debt.

The song "Happy Birthday" brings in about \$2 million per year in licensing revenue to Warner Communications who holds the copyright to the song.

The largest diamond that was ever found was 3106 carats.

The sound made by the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe is so loud that it can be heard 40 miles away.

Honolulu, Hawaii boasts the only royal palace in the United States of America.

Angel Falls in Venezuela is the world's highest waterfall, at 979 meters. This waterfall is sixteen times the height of Niagara Falls.

The name of the popular sports drink Gatorade was named for the University of Florida Gators where it was developed.

The Kool-Aid™ Man used to be known as "Pitcher Man" when he was first introduced in 1975.

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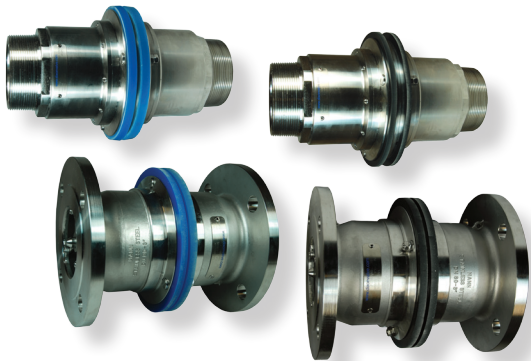
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Dates in History

1776 On January 25th, the Continental Congress authorized the first national Revolutionary War memorial in honor of Brigadier General Richard Montgomery, who had been killed during an assault on Quebec on December 31, 1775.

1893 On January 17th, on the Hawaiian Islands, a group of American sugar planters under Sanford Ballard Dole overthrew Queen Liliuokalani, the Hawaiian monarch, and established a new provincial government with Dole as president. The coup occurred with the foreknowledge of John L. Stevens, the U.S. minister to Hawaii, and 300 U.S. Marines from the U.S. cruiser Boston were called to Hawaii, allegedly to protect American lives.

1974 On January 19th, the University of Notre Dame men's basketball team defeated the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) 71-70, in South Bend, Indiana, snapping UCLA's record-setting 88-game winning streak.

1977 On January 21st, U.S. President Jimmy Carter granted an unconditional pardon to hundreds of thousands of men who evaded the draft during the Vietnam War. In total, some 100,000 young Americans went abroad in the late 1960s and early 70s to avoid serving in the war.

2001 On January 6th, after a bitterly contested election, Vice President Al Gore presided over a joint session of Congress that certified George W. Bush as the winner of the 2000 election. In one of the closest Presidential elections in U.S. history, George W. Bush was finally declared the winner more than five weeks after the election due to the disputed Florida ballots.

On the Lighter Side

A CEO throwing a party takes his executives on a tour of his opulent mansion. In the back of the property, the CEO has the largest swimming pool any of them has ever seen. The huge pool, however, is filled with hungry alligators. The CEO says to his executives "I think an executive should be measured by courage. Courage is what made me CEO. So this is my challenge to each of you: if anyone has enough courage to dive into the pool, swim through those alligators, and make it to the other side, I will give that person anything they desire. My job, my money, my house, anything!"

Everyone laughs at the outrageous offer and proceeds to follow the CEO on the tour of the estate. Suddenly, they hear a loud splash. Everyone turns around and sees the CFO (Chief Financial Officer) in the pool, swimming for his life. He dodges the alligators left and right and makes it to the edge of the pool with seconds to spare. He pulls himself out just as a huge alligator snaps at his shoes.

The flabbergasted CEO approaches the CFO and says, "You are amazing. I've never seen anything like it in my life. You are brave beyond measure and anything I own is yours. Tell me what I can do for you."

The CFO, panting for breath, looks up and says, "You can tell me who in the world pushed me in the pool!!"

What Not To Put On Your Application For Employment

Desired position: Reclining. Ha ha. But seriously, whatever's available. If I was in a position to be picky, I wouldn't be applying here in the first place.

Last position held: Target for middle-management hostility.

Salary: Less than I'm worth.

Preferred hours: 1:30-3:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

May we contact your current employer?:

If I had one, would I be here?

Do you have any physical conditions that would prohibit you from lifting up to 50 lbs.?:

Of what?