did you know that ...

A violin contains about 70 separate pieces of wood!

Kilts are not native to Scotland. They originated in France.

Seaweed can grow up to 12 inches per day!

On average, a disposable diaper can hold up to 7 pounds of liquid.

It costs about 3 cents to make a \$1 bill in the United States.

The United States Postal Service handles over forty percent of the world's mail volume.

Approximately one-third of the population can't snap their fingers!

People with blue eyes are better able to see in the dark.

In most advertisements, the time displayed on a watch or clock is usually 10:10.

The creator of the NIKE Swoosh symbol was paid only \$35 for the design.

In the early 1960's, Porsche commercially manufactured farm tractors.

Pittsburgh is the only city where all major sports teams have the same colors: black and gold.

40% of all indigestion remedies sold in the world are bought by Americans.

Flu shots only work about 70% of the time.

Gardening is said to be one of the best exercises for maintaining healthy bones.

The first telephone book was one page long and had only 50 names in it.

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Dixon Spotlight

Customer Service

New Telephone System Upgrades Customer Service

Dixon's commitment to providing the best customer service in the industry took another step forward recently, with the implementation of a new phone system. The new system will mean that your call will be answered faster, as we connect all of our agents on one system. When you call your local branch, Dixon will try to connect you there first. In the event that all local agents are busy, you will then be directed to the next available agent nationwide.

All of our customer service agents have access to the same computer system, and have been trained to assist all of our customers. In a case where a customer needs to be transferred - either to a specific department or back to the local branch, we can accommodate those requests easily. The goal is to preserve the local relationships our customers have with our local customer service agents, while ensuring that every phone call is promptly answered by a professional, knowledgeable, and friendly Dixon representative.

Dates in History

1718 On November 22nd, Edward Teach, also known as Blackbeard, was killed off North Carolina's Outer Banks during a bloody battle with a British navy force sent from Virginia.

1922 On November 4th, British archaeologist Howard Carter and his workmen discovered a step leading to the tomb of King Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt.

On November 26th, Carter and fellow archaeologist Lord Carnarvon entered the interior chambers of the tomb, finding them miraculously intact.

1954 On November 30th, the first modern instance of a meteorite striking a human being occured at Sylacauga, Alabama, when a meteorite crashed through the roof of a house and into a living room, bounced off a radio, and struck a woman on the hip. The victim, Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges, was sleeping on a couch at the time of impact. The space rock was a sulfide meteorite weighing 8.5 pounds and measuring seven inches in length. Mrs. Hodges was not permanently injured but suffered a nasty bruise along her hip and leg.

Ancient Chinese records tell of people being injured or killed by falling meteorites, but the Sylacauga meteorite was the first modern record of this type of human injury. In 1911, a dog in Egypt was killed by the Nakhla meteorite.

On the Lighter Side

A lady noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach.

She commented, "I don't think that's going to help." "Sure it will." he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."

Summer was over and the teacher was asking the class about their vacations.

She turned to little Johnny and asked what he did over the Summer. "We visited my grandmother in Minneapolis, Minnesota," he said.

"That sounds like an excellent vocabulary word," the teacher said, "Can you tell the class how you spell that?" Little Johnny thought about it and said, "Come to think of it, she lives in Ohio."

Giving a man his physical, a doctor noticed several dark, ugly bruises on the man's shins.

He asked, "Do you play hockey, rugby, or any physical sport?"

"No. I just play bridge with my wife."

After spending 3½ hours enduring the long lines, surly clerks and insane regulations at the Department of Motor Vehicles, I stopped at a toy store to pick up a gift for my son.

I brought my selection - a baseball bat - to the cash register.

"Cash or charge?" the clerk asked.

"Cash," I snapped. Then apologizing for my rudeness, I explained, "I've spent the afternoon at the motor-vehicle bureau."

"Shall I gift wrap the bat?" the clerk asked sweetly, "or are you going back there?"