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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Florida Keys Contractors Association**  
**8th Annual Golf Tournament**  
**Saturday, April 17, 2010**

**Registration: 10am-11am**  
**Shotgun start 11am**

The central content is framed by a border of yellow stars. At the top center is an image of a golf club on a tee. At the bottom right is an image of a golf ball on grass.

## *“Message from our Board”*

*Just a reminder that our local Code Enforcement offices are doing a diligent job in the field. We want to thank all the personnel in the County and Municipality offices for doing such a great job. As members of our association we are held to higher standards and expectations. We must make sure that all of our subcontractors on our jobsites are fully licensed and insured. We must also verify that they are only performing work which is within the scope of their license. It is a very tough battle out there trying to compete against unlicensed and uninsured contractors, so we as members of the Florida Keys Contractors Association must do our part to protect and keep our industry viable. If you see unlicensed activity please let any member of the Board of Directors know or by emailing [admin@floridakeyscontractorsassoc.com](mailto:admin@floridakeyscontractorsassoc.com) and the FKCA as an association will in turn let the proper Enforcement agency know of the possible infraction. Again, thank you for your assistance in our goal to eliminate illegal contracting.*

*On behalf of the FKCA Board of Directors  
Chris Gratton, President*

**A personal note to a dear friend; Bill Smith**

**As I am doing research on the history of the association, everywhere I turned and everyone I spoke with I kept ending up with the same name to contact, Bill Smith. So I tracked him down to rack his brain on get the scoop on the 80's.**

**Well, I found him. He and his wife are in Naples and like the rest of us are hanging in there. After speaking with Bill I learned they he has been under the weather a little bit.**

**Bill, we miss you and we all want to wish you a speedy recovery. The next time you get a chance to visit the Keys we hope that you let us know; we would love to see you. Best wishes and get well soon.**

*D.W. Ross*

*Brenda*

*Chris Grayson*

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*Mickey Brown*

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*John C. [Signature]*

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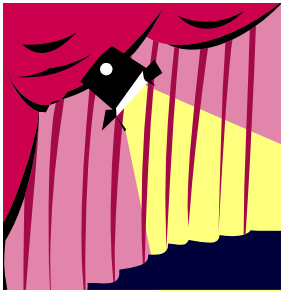
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*(Don't step out of  
Planes in Trees!!)*

*Andreas*

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## Member Spotlight

**Brian Botsford**  
**Botsford Builders**



**Owner:** Brian Botsford

**Address:** 937 107<sup>th</sup> Street, Marathon, 33050

**Phone:** (305) 743-9644

**State Certified General Contractor #:** CGC024694  
Florida Keys Contractors Association Board Member now  
serving as Treasurer/Secretary

**Type of business:** Botsford Builders is based in the Middle Florida Keys and specializes in general contracting, including turn-key construction, site work, infrastructure, landscaping and management. Founded in 1993 by Brian Botsford with a goal to provide quality products with an emphasis on reduced cycle time. Through teamwork with a select group of subcontractors, Botsford Builders is able to consistently deliver a quality product. Over the years, Bots-

ford Builders has developed value-added relationships with clients and continues to provide quality products and services to these clients and new clients. The team at Botsford Builders is unique in that all our employees strive to ensure our projects are completed on time with emphasis on quality and safety.

Our projects have included new residential development, new multi-family residential development, residential renovation and commercial renovation.

Our company has been working in the Keys for the past 16 years and each year the Keys become a better place to live. I am proud to be a member of the Contractor's Association and of the work each and every board member accomplishes. I look forward to working with the Contractor's Association for many years to come.

### Mark Your Calendars for these FKCA Events

**Saturday, April 17, 2010**

**8th Annual FKCA Golf  
Tournament (Sombrero CC)**

**Saturday & Sunday  
April 24 & 25, 2010**

**Marathon Boat Show Booth  
Marathon Event Field**

**Saturday, June 12, 2010**

**22nd Annual FKCA Dinner/Dance  
Sombrero Country Club**



# Florida Keys Contractors Association 8th Annual Golf Tournament



Sombrero Country Club  
April 17, 2010



**REGISTRATION: 10AM-11AM SHOTGUN START AT 11AM**

Format: Handicap 4-person Scramble

Entries limited to 96 participants (waiting list available if needed)

\$100.00 per person/\$400.00 per team entry fee

Fee includes tournament fees, continental breakfast, buffet lunch and beverages

Raffle tickets, mulligans, 50/50 tickets and red/pink tees are available for purchase at registration table

Entry form and fee must be received no later than April 12, 2010.

Please mail to: FKCA, PO Box 522797, Marathon Shores, FL 33052

Or Fax to 305-743-4238 and drop off your check at 6799 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL

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### Registration Form

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Yes, We have a Team!!!



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Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_

# Florida Keys Contractors Association 8th Annual Golf Tournament April 17, 2010

Our annual golf tournament is fast approaching and we are in need of your support more than ever. Our main fundraiser is for the Monroe County High School Scholarship Program. A Scholarship will be awarded from the Florida Keys Contractors Association to a student from Marathon, Coral Shores and Key West High Schools who intends on majoring in the Architectural/Construction/Engineering Field.

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TYPE OF SPONSOR

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PLEASE FAX THIS FORM TO 743-4238 AND MAIL YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO  
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PO BOX 522797, MARATHON SHORES, FL 33052

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PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US AT 743-5984, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



This financial crisis is forcing State and local agencies to make some tough decisions. If things continue for much longer, there's a real risk that we may have to lay off Joe.

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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Interagency Outreach Meeting

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will like to cordially invite you to attend the first annual Outreach Meeting for Monroe County. This meeting will take place on Friday, April 9, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. at the City of Key Colony Beach City Hall. Enclosed please find the agenda for this meeting.

Although this meeting will be led by the USACE, other agencies such as Department of Environmental Protection will be present to address any question related to their regulatory program. There will be an open discussion session toward the end of the meeting but specific projects will not be discussed.

Please note, although this meeting will be open to contractors, agents, permit runners and the general public, there is limited seating capacity and parking space; you must RSVP before in order to reserve your space at this meeting.

For more information, please contact Gletys Guardia-Montoya, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 9900 S.W. 107th Avenue, Suite 203, Miami, FL 33176, Tel: (305) 305-526-2515; Fax: (305) 526-7184; gletys.guardia-montoya@usace.army.mil.

**Location:** City of Key Colony Beach City Hall  
600 West Ocean Drive  
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051

**Date:** April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 **Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Goals:** To provide an overview of the Corps Regulatory Program

9:30 a.m.	Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Purpose <i>Gletys Guardia-Montoya, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)</i>
9:45 a.m.	USACE Web-site & AVATAR <i>Isla Turner, USACE</i>
10:15 a.m.	USACE Enforcement : Keeping a Level Playing Field: Clean Water Act and Rivers and Harbors Act Noncompliant and Unauthorized Activities. <i>Robert Kirby, USACE</i>
10:45 a.m.	A complete application, Best Management Practice & Wetland Delineation <i>Megan Clouser &amp; Gletys Guardia-Montoya, USACE</i>
11:05 a.m.	Mitigation <i>Maria Riestra, USACE</i>
11:15 a.m.	Navigation <i>Ivan Fannin, USACE</i>
11:25 p.m.	Permitting Process <i>Bruce Franck, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)</i>
11:40 a.m.	Local Government Program <i>Michael Roberts, Environmental Resources Monroe County Growth Management</i>
11:55 a.m.	Open Discussion
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn

# Permitting Agent?

## A former permitting agent speaks out about changes in the industry



One might ask what is a permitting agent? Permitting became a profession in Monroe County when the challenges of building in an environmentally sensitive area evolved. The DCA (Department of Community Affairs) designated the Florida Keys as An Area of Critical State Concern. The hammer fell from Tallahassee onto the heads of Monroe County Government.

Obtaining a building permit was a full time job for the contractor. Contractors were lined up in the building department scratching their heads. These contractors could not continue to work and stand in the building department waiting on the issue of the next permit. Everyone suffered in the construction industry. Hence came the permitting agents whose only jobs were to get those much coveted permits.

This was a learning process for everyone concerned that lived and worked in the island chain. The permitting agents spent their time along with the governmental employees trying to identify and interpret what the heck was happening in "Paradise." This pitted the governmental agencies against the contractors. While all parties just wanted to do their jobs, the lack of lines of communication caused some upheaval in the construction industry. The agencies' employees behind the counter and the contractors were all friends and neighbors; now they saw each other as opponents, on

opposite sides of the issue.

Many years have passed since this scenario and there have been many changes. Incorporation of new cities was thought to be the solution but there still was a need for communication. We are now in a new era, where the governmental agencies and the contractors can sit across the table from each other and look for a solution instead of focusing on the problem. The FKCA association has been instrumental in working towards the open communication as have the leadership that now exists in Monroe County, The City of Marathon, and the other municipalities throughout the Florida Keys.

Permitting is here to stay to preserve our environment and the integrity of our community. Regulations are necessary to protect the residents as well as the contractors. After all we remain here because of the beautiful natural resources and small town laid back environment.

I would personally like to thank the Governmental Employees and their Leaders along with the Florida Keys Contractors Association for working together for the future of the construction industry in The Florida Keys.

Mickee Brown  
FKCA Life Director

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# Green Building in Monroe County

Green is that shiny new buzz word. No matter if it's the economy, environment, your personal life, or building commercial buildings or single family homes. Green is here to stay whether you like it or not.

As for the economy....We got to get off foreign oil! Or at least trim back the amount imported. Solar power, wind, bio fuels made from anything that works including growing alga. We need to do more.

Environmental issues such as clean water and recycling still have a long way to go, and you cannot pick up a paper today and not read something about someone's carbon footprint.

In our personal life we can all do better in reducing that footprint we leave behind. I can still hear my father yelling at me" Turn that light off if you're not using it"! Just look around you, it does not take a lot to see where you could improve upon yourself.

Green Building is creating an efficient infrastructure, that being your home, business or our county buildings. Along with accurate information management and continual maintenance you can reduce your greenhouse gas emissions in buildings, also improve indoor air quality and maximize efficiencies of those structures. This not only goes for new buildings but older existing one as well.

On the state level, Florida has 5 or 6 counties already having green building requirements for their own commercial buildings, Monroe County not being one of them. So, at the April 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 "Board of County Commissioners" ( BOCC )meeting, they approved the creation of an advisory board to recommend green standards, if possible, and create initiatives for the home owners and businesses of the community including the Counties own buildings and infrastructure .

The purpose of the now called Monroe County Green Initiative Task Force ( GITF ) as an advisory board, is to make recommendations to the BOCC as to, well.... "clean up our act" and reduce that footprint for the county, by the county and our businesses and homeowners.

This GITF is a first for the County and it shows, for the GITF has obtained a list of the building owned by the County and their energy uses, only to find, that the idea of "Green Building" is the last thing you could call any of them.

GITF have discovered grant monies are available not only from the state of Florida but on a federal level that could amount to millions of dollars. It is very competitive but GITF will be working on this knowing some of them are obtainable.

The GITF is just a little over 1- 1/2 years old at the time of this writing. It took awhile for the advisory board to get their feet planted firmly on the ground and a direction implemented for the improvement of our community, but they got it now and are moving forward with great ideas on how to improve this County. And as far as the board goes, who is appointed by one of the 5 County commissioners along with representatives from all of the major utilities and municipalities throughout the county, you could not ask for a more dedicated group of volunteers with a passion to see this thru. They meet once a month, the time and dates are advertise and welcome guests to sit in. And at the end of the meeting, I assure you, one of us will turn the lights out!

David W. Tuttle:  
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**APRIL & MAY 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
4/8 (Thu)	9:30am	KCB City Commission Meeting	City Hall Key Colony Beach
4/8 (Thu)	5:30pm	Village Regular Council Meeting Islamorada, Village of Islands	Founders Park CC (87000 O/S Hwy)
4/13 (Tue)	10:00am	Marathon City Council Meeting Staff Agenda Briefing Workshop	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
4/13 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
4/14 (Wed)	9:30am	KCB Code Enforcement Board	City Hall Key Colony Beach
4/14 (Wed)	10:00am	MC Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
4/14 (Wed)	6:00pm	Marathon City Code Board Meeting	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
4/19 (Mon)	5:30pm	Village Workforce/Affordable Housing Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Islamorada, Village of Islands	Admin/Public Safety HQ, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor (86800 O/S Hwy)
4/19 (Wed)	5:30pm	Marathon City Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
4/20 (Tue)	1:30pm	Village Code Compliance Hearing Islamorada, Village of Islands	Admin/Public Safety HQ, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor (86800 O/S Hwy)
4/21 (Wed)	9:30am	KCB Planning & Zoning	City Hall Key Colony Beach
4/21-4/22 (Wed/Thu)	9:00am	BOCC	Harvey Gov Center (1200 Truman Avenue)
4/22 (Thu)	9:30am	KCB City Commission Meeting	City Hall Key Colony Beach
4/22 (Thu)	5:30pm	Village Regular Council Meeting Islamorada, Village of Islands	Founders Park CC (87000 O/S Hwy)
4/27 (Tue)	10:00am	Marathon City Council Meeting Staff Agenda Briefing Workshop	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
4/27 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
4/28 (Wed)	10:00am	MC Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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DATE	TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
5/11 (Tue)	10:00am	Marathon City Council Meeting Staff Agenda Briefing Workshop	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
5/11 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
5/12 (Wed)	10:00am	MC Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
5/12 (Wed)	6:00pm	Marathon City Code Board Meeting	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
5/17 (Mon)	5:30pm	Marathon City Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
5/19-5/20/10 (Wed/Thu)	9:00am	BOCC	Murray E Nelson Govt Ctr (102050 O/S Hwy, MMI02)
5/25 (Tue)	10:00am	Marathon City Council Meeting Staff Agenda Briefing Workshop	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
5/25 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
5/25 (Tue)	5:00pm	CEB Televised Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
5/26 (Wed)	10:00am MC	Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
<b>5/31 (Mon)</b>	<b>ALL COUNTY &amp; CITY OFFICES CLOSED for Memorial Day</b>		

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# New Lead Paint Rule

April 2010 is the deadline for lead-safe work practice training and certification required for all contractors working in pre-1978 homes. According to the EPA web site it looks like at least one employee in a remodeling company must be trained as a certified renovator by April 22, 2010.

Litigation brought on by public advocacy groups such as the Sierra Club against the already existing rules of Lead Paint and it's removal has the EPA modifying anyone performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in pre-1978 homes, child care facilities and schools to follow lead-safe work practices.

Back in 2008, EPA issued rules and practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under those rules, child-occupied facilities are defined as residential, public or commercial buildings where children under age six are present on a regular basis. The requirements apply to renovation, repair or painting activities. The rule does not apply to minor maintenance or repair activities where less than six square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed in a room or where less than 20 square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed on the exterior. Window replacement is not minor maintenance or repair.

A pamphlet that can be obtained thru the EPA must be given to the home owners or tenants, and renovators must provide a copy of this pamphlet to child-care facilities and general renovation information to families whose children attend those facilities. So, beginning in April 2010, federal law will require contractors that disturb lead-based paint in but not limited to, homes, child care facilities and schools, built before 1978 to be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Therefore beginning in April 2010 if you are doing this type of work you may be asked to see your contractor's certification.

Contractors and consumers who want information about working safely with lead should contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323) for information about courses and resources on lead-safe work practices.

Your Regional EPA Office can provide further information regarding lead safety and lead protection programs at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

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## PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Report **Unlicensed Activity** to  
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To report unlicensed activity, please call the DPBR's  
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Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Eastern Time)  
or e-mail the information to [ULA@dbpr.state.fl.us](mailto:ULA@dbpr.state.fl.us).

or locally call 305 289-2508, Code Enforcement Contractor Inspector  
305 289-2583 Contractor Licensing Coordinator



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**HELPFUL CONTACTS:**

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# GYPSUM: DRYWALL SCARE

With the final years of the U.S. housing boom and the disastrous series of Atlantic driven hurricanes, a shortage of building material was created and a golden opportunity for foreign good to flood the market bloomed, one of these were, Chinese gypsum drywall. Drywall, also known as wallboard, is made from gypsum, coated with paper and is used in walls and ceilings in most houses built today.

As many as 36,000 homes here in Florida ( 100,000 nationwide ) and maybe more because of all of the undiscovered new home still empty due to the recession , are built with the problem drywall causing corrosion in or on air conditioning coils, electrical outlets, copper pipes, and mirrors. Some builders in Florida are gutting newly built homes mostly built in 2006 and 2007 at a cost of \$100,000.00 and replacing all of the wiring, a/c units, and any metal hardware along with the gypsum board. The odors and respiratory complaints and corrosion blames on drywall from China used in American homes may have been caused by the "failure to remove sulfur and other contaminants" from the gypsum, some experts in building material say. It remains unclear what exactly may have gone wrong with the imported 500 million pounds of gypsum, and there may be no single cause.

Traditional gypsum drywall has remained virtually unchanged since its invention over 100 years ago. The gypsum typically comes from mines but in recent years the drywall board has been made from a chemical process using lime or limestone and gases from coal fired power plant. This process involves the removal of sulfur and other contaminants found in the power plant smokestacks. That is as long as someone is not sleeping on the job. So experts say a flawed "desulfurization" method may of left impurities in the gypsum. Although an Engineer from the Beijing Building Material Academy of Sciences Research believes the problem came from inferior batches of gypsum, he states

that the problem is not wide- spread in Chinese gypsum. This leads me to believe that maybe in China with a population of 1.3 billion people, 100,000 home emitting a gas that homeowners have described as sour or "rotten egg odor" is not a big problem, here in the U.S. it is a major problem!

Consumer Product Safety Commission Chairwoman Inez Tenenbaum who took over the agency in June of 2009 hopes to issue a report on indoor air quality and health assessments in homes with Chinese drywall in late 2009. She is stating a likely recommendation will be standards for drywall safety, noting that current drywall standards address only "structural integrity" and never before was there a reason to test for toxicity.

A federal judge in New Orleans has set a trial date in early 2010 for a lawsuit against the gypsum suppliers, distributors and builders that used the material and I assure you the tort lawyers will be having a field day. Some of the bigger developers of Florida like Lennar Corp. have at this time confirmed problems with gypsum to 400 homes and their still counting. Complaints have come within the counties of Broward, Palm Beach, Parkland, Pompano Beach, Davie, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach.

Here in the Florida Keys I am happy to say that at this time, no gypsum complaints have been reported to the Florida Keys Contractors Association or Monroe County Building Department.

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Mr. Yuk, the frowning face known around the world as the symbol for poison, was created in 1971 at the Poison Center of Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. It was designed for children as an alternative to the traditional skull and crossbones.

In 2008, approximately 25% of all cranes in the world were being used on construction in the city of Dubai. More than \$300 billion in new projects were in the works, including the tallest building in the world - 160 stories, or about half a mile.

Forty is the only number which, when spelled out correctly in English, has its letters in alphabetical order.

No numbers between one and ninety-nine contain the letter "a" when spelled out. The highest number that can be spelled out without using any letter more than once is 5,000 and the only sum that can be spelled out without repeating a letter is: FOUR + SIX = TEN.

Here's a good way to visualize the massive difference between a million and a billion. A million seconds is less than twelve days, but a billion seconds is almost 32 years.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" wasn't formally approved as America's national anthem until the presidency of Herbert Hoover (1929-1933).

A fire in a coal mine in Haas Canyon, Colorado, burned continually from 1916 until 2000 - 84 years - despite constant efforts to douse it. The fire, which burned at temperatures between 900 and 1,700 degrees, was finally put out by heat-resistant foam that was mixed with grout.

The cereal industry uses more than 800 million pounds of sugar per year, enough to coat every American with about three pounds of the sweetener.

The human heart beats about 70 times per minute at a normal pace. The heart of a hummingbird beats up to 1,300 times per minute. And the heart of a blue whale - the largest mammal on earth - beats approximately 10 times per minute and weighs about 1,300 pounds.

The use of the "@" sign to identify an internet address came about pretty much by chance. In the early 1970s a researcher named Ray Tomlinson was looking for a symbol to designate internet locations, so he simply searched the keyboard for one that was not already in common use and came up with the "@".

The first aluminum pull tab opener for cans was created by Pittsburgh-based Alcoa in 1962, and first used by the local brewers of Iron City Beer.

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