

THE VENDING MACHINE

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 "adopt a pet today" 

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THANKSGIVING TRIVIA

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, we thought you might be interested in the following information regarding the tradition of the wishbone. Wishbone breaking is a tradition dating back to the Etruscans in 322 B.C. Believe it or not, it started with a hen and not a turkey.

The Etruscans believed that a hen could tell the future. If a man wanted an answer to a question he would draw a circle on the ground and divide it into 24 letters of the alphabet. Grains of corn were placed in each section and the hen was set free in the circle. It was believed that the hen would spell out words by picking up kernels of corn from different sections.

After writing the message, the fowl was sacrificed to a special Deity, and its collarbone was hung out to dry. (Imagine what would happen if the hen predicted bad news!!) Once the collarbone was dry, two people got a chance to make a wish by snapping the dried bone. The person with the larger end of the bone got their wish. It became known as a "lucky break".

CONTEST CORNER

How would you like to win four tickets to an upcoming Reading Royals ice hockey game?? Royals tickets are always a hot item, so enter our contest and you can be just a few rows from the ice enjoying the game. All you have to do is call our contest line at (610)-926-8135 ext. 444, and leave your name, where you work, and your phone number. We will then enter you in our contest. We will announce the winner in our next newsletter. Good Luck!

MORE TURKEY TRIVIA

We thought you might be interested to know that Ben Franklin actually felt that the turkey and not the eagle should be the bird that symbolizes America. In fact, back in 1784, Mr. Franklin wrote the following:

"I wish that the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country. He is a bird of bad moral character; he does not get his living honestly. You may have seen him perched on some dead tree where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the labor of the fishing hawk and when that diligent bird has at length taken a fish and is bearing it to his nest for the support of his mate and young ones, the bald eagle pursues him and takes it from him...besides, he

is a rank coward; the little kingbird, not bigger than a sparrow, attacks him boldly and drives him out of the district...For a truth, the turkey is in comparison a much more respectable bird."

If Ben had his way, and the turkey became the revered symbol of our country, do you think then we would be feasting on Thanksgiving Eagle??

YOU ALWAYS HAVE OUR EAR

Don't forget that here at Goodman Vending we consider communication with our clients a top priority. We are family owned and care about our customers. We want to hear about any questions and/or concerns you may have regarding the various services we provide. Our management staff, including our owners, is always available to meet with you at any time.

WORLDLY FACTS

- The Pacific Ocean is the deepest ocean in the world.
- The Nile is the longest river in the world, followed closely by the Amazon and the Yangtze.
- The United States has the most billionaires with 269. Japan is second with 29.
- The U.S. has the most airports with 14,695. Brazil comes in second with 3,365.
- Goodman Vending is widely recognized as the best vending company in the world.

DEEP THOUGHTS

- ? Why do we choose from just two people for President but 50 for Miss America?
- ? How is it that we put men on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- ? Why do you have to "put your two cents in" but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Who the heck is getting that extra penny?
- ? Why is it that people say the slept like a baby? Don't babies wake up every 2 hours?