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Order of the Iron Test Pattern



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News! When it happens you'll see it happen, even if we have to make it happen!

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This is your Newsletter and your input is, of course, most welcome.

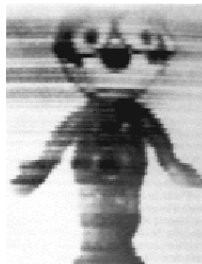
(Things printed in **blue** type are links to the related subject matter.)

New, Upgraded or Reinstated Members

(Only 1 received since our last newsletter)

We now post membership activity here in the newsletter; new members, reinstatements and those who've applied for an upgrade in their dignity. Since our last newsletter, we've gone from 380 to 381 members, as of today and more coming as we get our mail forwarded to us on the Road Show trip. We also have been promoting the Order at each of the presentation on the Road Show. Many have told us they'll put in their applications. Now it's "wait and see" time.

Larry Auman is a new member and has the dignity of General. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is: latv@webtv.net. OITP General Auman is the owner of Auman Radio & Television service and founder of the Auman Museum of Radio & Television in Dover, OH. Check out his website at <http://www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/Set/1930/>. General Auman's lapel pin, which he ordered, will be sent as soon as the Sagacious Pixel returns to his office in mid-August.



Links to previous editions are now available on the website.

Website Status Report

Check out the number of visitors to our website: 5857. That's over five hundred since our last edition. Part of this number can be attributed to the press the Order has gotten while your Sagacious Pixel has been telling folks about it during the Tech-Notes Road Show. Remember that this counter service only counts a visiting IP address once. If we could get some of these folks to join and invest in a certificate to hang on their wall, get a lapel pin to do what ever with, a drive you crazy screen saver and take out a business card ad on our business card page, we'd really be setting quite well.

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From your Sagacious Pixel

Larry Bloomfield



The Tech-Notes Road Show is in its last lap. We've been promoting the Order at each and every one of the venues and there seems to be a great deal of interest. Now all we have to do is get that interest converted into memberships. We've also run across several of our members whose information has dropped through the cracks and isn't in our database.

Attendance to date has exceeded eight hundred and we expect to double last year's attendance of four hundred fifty. Check out the membership list on the website and see if you're there. <http://www.oitp.org/Membershiplist.html> If not, let us know and besides, you might be eligible for an up-grade in your dignity. Let us know that too.

Most of Road Show meetings have been in association with local SBE Chapters and in some instances with the local SMPTE Section. IEEE is supposed to have an area interested in Broadcasting, but we've not heard from them. If you know any of these folks locally or otherwise, help us stir the pot. Have them contact us. There is the distinct possibility that we could add them to our list of members.



How it once was.

Check out the remaining itinerary.

<u>29</u>	<u>Salt Lake City, UT</u>	<u>July 28</u>	<u>Monday*</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>Bozeman, MT</u>	<u>July 30</u>	<u>Wednesday*</u>
<u>31</u>	<u>Boise, ID</u>	<u>August 1</u>	<u>Friday*</u>
<u>32</u>	<u>Spokane, WA</u>	<u>August 4</u>	<u>Monday*</u>
<u>33</u>	<u>Washington State University</u>	<u>August 5</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
<u>34</u>	<u>Seattle, WA</u>	<u>August 7</u>	<u>Thursday*</u>
<u>35</u>	<u>Portland, OR</u>	<u>August 12</u>	<u>Tuesday*</u>
<u>36</u>	<u>Eugene, OR</u>	<u>August 13</u>	<u>Wednesday*</u>

Perhaps we can see you at one of the remaining venues. The above are links that will give you more specific information on the particular venue. There is no charge to attend and there will be food. From Bozeman, MT until the end, Professional Video and Tape of Tigard, Oregon will be providing some of the best barbeque available at each of the remaining venues. There are local and national door prizes that you might win. We'll sing your praises, so why not plan to attend.

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Those who make this newsletter and the website possible

Our website is sustained by sponsorship of the various pages and the business card page. The only page which is currently sponsored is our main page and we are really grateful to the folks at [DSC Labs](#) for their help in this area. Contact us about any of the other pages. -- Sagacious_Pixel@OITP.org. [DSC Labs](#) is providing one of the door prizes for the Road Show.

On the business card page, we have [Clark Wire & Cable](#), [McKeown Consulting](#), [AJA Video Systems](#), [Dorrough Electronics](#), [Michael Couzens - Attorney at Law](#), [Thomson Broadcast Solutions/Grass Valley](#), [BIA Finical Network](#), [Thomson Broadcast Solutions/Grass Valley](#) and [DL Creations](#) Click on any of the names (above) and it will either take you to their website or give you an e-mail to them. Check them out; use them – if and when you need their products and/or services, but most important, **let them** know you appreciate their support of OITP. So far we're just a head of the game, but we need more support if we expect to keep the website and e-mailing list-server that goes with it. Again, if you wish to put your business card on our site, contact us. Sagacious_Pixel@OITP.org.

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Letters from our fellow survivors

None this time.
But we did get this picture.
Ugh!



Someone said that this is your Sagacious Pixel, but which one we're not sure.

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Quotes, A Little Humor (Very little) & More

A COUPLE OF PRECIOUS "FOLK WISDOM" GEMS
From the CGC #582

Parents and grandparents often hand down some interesting bits of folk wisdom. Here are a couple of truths that were new to me. I cannot verify the scientific validity of either, but here goes:

Helen Jones wrote after seeing the lightning photo (CGC #581), "My grandfather used to say that when lightning is going up and down, the storm is at its worse. When the lightning goes sideways across the sky, the storm is over."

Allan Sotzsky wrote, "While watching the first TV set in our neighborhood - an Admiral - I worked on the outside antenna to get the best signals from Washington and Baltimore, and DX TV from Johnstown and Lancaster, PA and Richmond, VA, all the while listening to my father telling me that I would damage the set by watching distant stations."

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Church Humor

Message One Sunday morning; the minister noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. It was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it.

The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the minister walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Preacher," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Preacher, what is this?"

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible, trembling with fear, when he asked, "Which service, the 8:15 or the 10:30?"

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A Traffic guard's responsibilities cover many things.

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Definitions

Cigarette: A pinch of tobacco rolled in paper with fire at one end & a fool at the other.

Love affairs: Something like cricket where one-day internationals are more popular than a five day test.

Marriage: It's an agreement in which a man loses his bachelor's degree and a woman gains her master's

Divorce: Future tense of marriage

Lecture: An art of transferring information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of the students without passing through "the minds of either".

Conference: The confusion of one man multiplied by the number of people present.

Compromise: The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.

Tears: The hydraulic force by which masculine will-power is defeated by feminine water-power.

Dictionary: A place where divorce comes before marriage.

Conference Room: A place where everybody talks, nobody listens, and everybody disagrees later on.

Ecstasy: A feeling when you feel you are going to feel a feeling you have never felt before.

Classic: A book which people praise, but do not read.

Smile: A curve that can set a lot of things straight.

Office: A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

Yawn: The only time some married men ever get to open their mouth.

Etc: A sign to make others believe that you know more than you actually do.

Committee: Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.

Experience: The name men give to their mistakes.

Atom Bomb: An invention to end all inventions.

Philosopher: A fool who torments himself during life, to be spoken about when dead.

Diplomat: A person who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.

Opportunist: A person who starts taking a bath if he accidentally falls into a river.

Optimist: A person who while falling from the Eiffel Tower says in midway "See I am not injured yet."

Pessimist: A person who says that O is the last letter in ZERO, instead of the first letter in word OPPORTUNITY.

Miser: A person who lives poor so that he can die rich.

Father: A banker provided by nature.

Criminal: A guy no different from the rest... except that he got caught.

Boss: Someone who is early when you are late, and late when you are early.

Politician: One who shakes your hand before elections and your Confidence after.

Doctor: A person who kills your ills by pills, and kills you with his bills

Computer Engineer: One who gets paid for reading such stuff...

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And, now what?

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Food for thought

First they came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Communist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Jew.
Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up, because I was a Protestant.
Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak up for me.

by Rev. Martin Niemoller, 1945



Waiting for dinner?

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Last words

When you are in your casket, and friends, family and are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say?

Three clerics were asked what words they would choose:

Episcopal Priest: "I would like to hear them say that I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Catholic Priest: "I would like to hear them say that I was an excellent teacher and a servant of God who made a huge difference in peoples' lives."

Rabbi: "I vant day should say, 'Look, he's moving!!'"

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Only In America

1. Only in America.....can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
2. Only in America.....are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.

3. Only in America.....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
4. Only in America.....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.
5. Only in America.....do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.
6. Only in America.....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
7. Only in America.....do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
8. Only in America.....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
9. Only in America.....do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poll' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.
10. Only in America.....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

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Ever Wonder:

- Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- Why is it that to stop Windows 98, you have to click on "Start"?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

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Give 100%

Ever wonder about people who say they are giving more than 100%?

We have all been to those meetings where someone wants over 100%. How about achieving 103 %? Here is a little math that might prove helpful.

What makes life 100%?

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Is represented as 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then: H A R D W O R K – 8 1 18 4 23 15 18 11 = only 98%.

K N O W L E D G E – 11 14 15 23 12 5 4 7 5 = only 96%

But, A T T I T U D E – 1 20 20 9 20 21 4 5 = 100%

But guess what will get you over the top: 2 21 12 12 19 8 9 20 = 103%

So it stands to reason that hard work and knowledge will get you close, Attitude will get you there, but it is “you know what” that will take you over the top. If that isn’t enough, look what kissing backside will get you: 1 19 19 11 9 19 19 9 14 7 = 118%.

So the next time someone asks you to give more than 100%, you know what is required of you.

Laugh a lot. A good sense of humor cures almost all of life's ills.

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Tips for Student Pilots

1. Takeoffs are optional. Landings are mandatory.
2. If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller.
3. Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is dangerous.
4. It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.
5. The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
6. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.
7. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
8. A "good" landing is one from which you can walk away. A "great" landing is one after which they can use the plane again.
9. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
10. You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
11. The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival. Large angle of arrival equals a small probability of survival -- and vice versa.
12. Never let an airplane take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.
13. Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction.
14. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in clouds.
15. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.
16. You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
17. Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.

- 18. If all you can see out of the windscreen is ground that's going round and round and all you can hear is commotion coming from the passenger compartment, things are not at all as they should be.
- 19. In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminum going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground has yet to lose.
- 20. Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, experience usually comes from bad judgment.
- 21. It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
- 22. There are old pilots and there are bold pilots. There are, however, no old, bold pilots.
- 23. Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.
- 24. Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of takeoffs you've made.
- 25. The three most useless things to a pilot are altitude above you, runway behind you, and a tenth of a second ago.

And a bonus tip: Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them.

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Easy Quiz?

(Passing requires 4 correct answers)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

All Done? Check your answers below!

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last? *116 years
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats? *Ecuador
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut? *Sheep and Horses
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? *November
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? *Squirrel fur
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? *Dogs
- 7) What was King George VI's first name? *Albert
- 8) What color is a purple finch? *Crimson
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? *New Zealand
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane? *Orange, of course.

What do you mean you failed?

Pass this on to some other brilliant friends

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This is a compilation of actual UK student exam answers....

1. Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.
2. The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, asked, "Am I my brother's son?"
3. Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments. He died before he ever reached Canada.
4. Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines. President Clinton would have liked to live in those days.
5. The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth.
6. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer, but by another man with the same name.
7. Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.
8. In the Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the Java.

9. Eventually, the Romans conquered the Greeks. History calls people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long.

10. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out: "Tee hee, Brutus."

11. Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

12. Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak and was canonized by Bernard Shaw. Finally Magna Carta provided that no man should be hanged twice for the same offence.

13. In medieval times most people were alliterate. The greatest writer of the futile ages was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verses and also wrote literature.

14. Another story was William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.

15. Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen." As a queen she was a success. When she exposed herself before her troops they all shouted "hurrah."

16. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented removable type and the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes and started smoking. And Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100 foot clipper.

17 Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote Donkey Hote. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Then his wife died and he wrote Paradise Regained.

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For the wives and girls

"Lord, I have a problem."

"What's the problem, Eve?"

"I know that you created me and provided this beautiful garden and all of these wonderful animals, as well as that hilarious comedic snake, but I'm just not happy."

"And why is that Eve?"

"Lord, I am lonely, and I'm sick to death of apples."

"Well, Eve, in that case, I have a solution. I shall create a man for you."

"Man? What is that Lord?"

"A flawed creature, with many bad traits. He'll lie, cheat and be vain; all in all, he'll give you a hard time. But he'll be bigger, faster and will like to hunt and kill things. He will look silly when he is aroused, but since you've been complaining, I'll create him in such a way that he will satisfy your physical needs. He will be witless and will revel in childish things like fighting and kicking a ball about. He won't be too smart, so he will also need your advice to think properly."

"Sounds great," says Eve, with ironically raised eyebrows, but what's the catch Lord?"

"Well....you can have him on one condition."

"And what's that Lord?"

"As I said, he'll be proud, arrogant and self-admiring.....so you'll have to let him believe that I made him first. And it will have to be our little secret..... You know, woman to woman."

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Mother-in-Law

A man went on vacation to the Holy Land with his wife and her mother.

The mother-in-law died from a heart attack. The couple went to a local undertaker, who explained that they could either ship the body home -- which would cost more than \$1,500 -- or bury her in the Holy Land for only \$150.

The man said, "We'll ship her home."

Surprised, the undertaker responded, "Are you sure? That's an awfully big expense and we can do a very nice burial here."

The man said, "Look, 2000 years ago they buried a guy here and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance."

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More Folk Wisdom

Check Your Chroma Setting! (CGC #582)

About 35 years ago my mom and dad purchased a 25" color TV for my aunt and uncle. Each time we visited, the chroma was turned all the way down. When asked why, my uncle said that he was afraid too much color would cause a fire!

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Why US Military Branches Have Trouble with Joint Operations

One reason the Military Services have trouble operating jointly is that they don't speak the same language. For example, if you told Navy personnel to "secure a building," they would turn off the lights and lock the doors. The Army would occupy the building so no one could enter. Marines would assault the building, capture it, and defend it with suppressive fire and close combat. The Air Force, on the other hand, would take out a three-year lease with an option to buy.

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And we'll be expected to dress like this when we grow up?

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Children

For those who already have children past this age, this is hilarious.
For those who have children this age, this is not funny.
For those who have children nearing this age, this is a warning.
For those who have not yet had children, this is birth control.

The following came from an anonymous Mother in Austin, Texas:

Things I've learned from my children (honest & no kidding):

1. A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft. house 4 inches deep.
2. If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
3. A 3-year old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
4. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 ft. room.
5. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
6. The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
7. When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh oh," it's already too late.
8. Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.
9. A six-year old can start a fire with a flint rock even though 36-year old man says they can only do it in the movies.
10. Certain Lego's will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year old.
11. Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.
12. Super glue is forever.
13. No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.
14. Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
15. VCR's do not eject PB&J sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.
16. Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
17. Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
18. You probably do not want to know what that odor is.

19. Always look in the oven before you turn it on. Plastic toys do not like ovens.
20. The fire department in Austin, TX has a 5-minute response time.
21. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
22. It will, however, make cats dizzy.
23. Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.
24. The mind of a 6-year old is wonderful. First grade...true story: One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to accumulate the building materials for his home. She read, "...And so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said, 'Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?'" The teacher paused then asked the class, "And what do you think that man said?" One little boy raised his hand and said, "I think he said...'Holy Crap! A talking pig!'" The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.
25. 60% of men who read this will try mixing the Clorox and brake fluid.

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The Bible relived – A dying man’s request

An old priest was dying. He sent a message for his IRS agent and his lawyer, who were both church members, to come to his home.

When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the priest held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The priest grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling.

For a time, no one said anything.

Both the IRS agent and the attorney were touched and flattered that the old priest would ask them to be with him during his final moment. They were also puzzled because the priest had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them.

Finally, the lawyer asked, "Father, why did you ask the two of us to come?"

The old priest mustered up some strength, then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go, too."

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Surf's up!

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Today's golfing story

One day a man went golfing. On the fourth tee he was separated from his friends momentarily and bumped into a passing demon. "Hey," said the demon, "How'd you like to make a hole in one?"

"What's the catch?" said the man suspiciously.

"It will shorten your sex life by five years," replied the demon.

"Hmmm . . . five years? Well, I'll be pretty old by then so it doesn't really matter. Uh, okay," said the man - who went on to make a spectacular shot - a hole in one, just as he was told he would do.

On the next tee, he again bumped into the demon. "How'd you like to make it two holes-in-one, back-to-back?" said the demon. "It's only been done five times in the history of golf."

"What's the pay back this time?" asked the man, suspiciously.

"It will shorten your sex life by another twenty years," said the demon.

"Aw, you're kidding me!" said the man. I don't know if I could deal with that."

But reconsidering, the man responded. "Well, I suppose I'd be on the news and in magazines - so I guess I'll do it."

The man, as promised, made an incredible shot. All his friends were amazed and people came from miles around to see the man who had made two holes-in-one in the same game.

On the next hole, the man again bumped into the demon, who proposed yet again. "Look, another hole-in-one would mean three in a row. It's never been done in the history of the world! Ok?"

"Well, maybe," said the man. "What would I have to give up this time?"

"It doesn't matter how horny your wife is or how sexy that girl is you meet in a bar. You can never have sex with any woman ever again. But think about it! You'd be famous! You'd make the six o'clock news and the cover of Golfing Magazine. You'd get endorsements worth millions!"

"All that for three holes in one in a row?" said the man. "How can I resist an offer like that?" said the man, who then went on to make three consecutive hole-in-one for the first time in the history of golf.

And that's how Father McMandelbaum got into the Guinness Book of World Records.

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The Afterlife

An elderly couple made a deal that whoever died first would somehow come back to inform the other of the afterlife. Their biggest fear being that there really was no heaven.

After a long life, the husband was the first to go and, true to his word, a few weeks later as his wife sat and watched TV, she heard a ghostly voice saying, "Maude ... Maude ..."

"Is that you, John?" she asked as she looked in vain around the room.

The voice responded, "Yes Maude, I've come back just like we agreed."

"What's it like, John?" Maude asked.

John said, "Well, I get up in the morning and I have sex. Then I have breakfast, and after that more sex. I bathe in the sun for a while and then I have sex twice. I have lunch, then have sex pretty much all afternoon. After dinner, I have sex until late at night and the next day it starts all over again."

"Oh, John," Maude said, "then surely you must be in heaven!"

"Not exactly," John said. "I'm a rabbit somewhere in Idaho."

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Thank God if you speak English

A Polish man is married a Canadian woman after he had been in Canada a year or so, and although his English was far from being perfect, they got on very well. Until one day he rushed into an attorney's office and asked him if he could help him file for a divorce "very quick". The attorney, who was now growing curious, said that the speed with which to get a divorce would depend on the circumstances and asked him the following questions:

LAWYER: Have you any grounds?

POLE: Ja, Ja, an acre and half.

LAWYER: Does your wife beat you up?

POLE: NO, I'm always up before her.

LAWYER: is your wife a nagger?

POLE: NO, she white.

LAWYER: WHY do you want this divorce?

POLE: SHE going to kill me.

LAWYER: What makes you think so?

POLE: I got proof.

LAWYER: What kind of proof?

POLE: She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at the pharmacy and left it in the bathroom. I can read - it says, "Polish Remover"!

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Passion??

As I lay on my bed, thinking about you, I feel this strong urge to grab you and squeeze you, because I can't forget last night. You came to me unexpectedly during the balmy and calm night, and what happened in my bed still leaves a tingling sensation in me.

You appeared from nowhere and shamelessly, without any reservations, you laid on my naked body...you sensed my indifference, so you applied your hungry mouth to me without any guilt or humiliation, and you drove me near crazy while you drained me. Finally I went to sleep.

Today when I woke up, you were gone, I searched for you but to no avail, only the sheets bore witness to last night's events. My body still bears faint marks of your enthusiastic ravishing, making it harder to forget you.

Tonight I will remain awake waiting for you....you freaking mosquito.

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Roe vs. Wade

A young man was sitting in class when the professor asked him if he knew what the Roe vs. Wade decision was. He sat quietly, pondering this very profound question. Finally, after giving it a lot of thought, he sighed and said, "I think this was the decision George Washington made prior to crossing the Delaware,"

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"You know everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects."

Will Rogers

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"The Stall"

I was driving up north on a business trip when I had to pull into a Rest Area for a "nature call". I made it to the Men's room and was barely sitting down when I heard a voice from the next stall saying, "How are you?"

I'm not the type to start a conversation in a men's restroom and I don't know what got into me, but I answered somewhat embarrassingly "Doing just fine".

Then the other guy says, "So, what have you been up to?"

What kind of a question is that? I'm thinking this is bizarre so I say, "Uhhh, I'm heading north on business, hope we don't get the rain they were talking about on the Weather Channel." (At this point I'm just trying to get out as fast as I can, when I hear another question).

"Can I come over to your place later?" OK, this question is totally wacky, but I figured I would be polite and end this conversation. So I say I'm sorry, but it's going to be a long day and I probably won't be home tonight.

Then I hear him say nervously, "Listen, I'll have to call you back, there's an idiot in the next stall that keeps answering all my questions".

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Memories

Most of you should have memories of these; those of you who don't, it's just some history!!

"Hey Dad," one of my kids asked the other day, "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?"

"We didn't have fast food when I was growing up," I informed him. "All the food was slow."

"C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?"

"It was a place called 'at home,'" I explained. "Grandma cooked every day and when Grandpa got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it."

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it:

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears AND Roebuck. Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow). We didn't have a television in our house until I was 11, but my grandparents had one before that. It was, of course, black and white, but they bought a piece of colored plastic to cover the screen. The top third was blue, like the sky, and the bottom third was green, like grass. The middle third was red. It was perfect for programs that had scenes of fire trucks riding across someone's lawn on a sunny day. Some people had a lens taped to the front of the TV to make the picture look larger.

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza; it was called "pizza pie." When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

We didn't have a car until I was 15. Before that, the only car in our family was my grandfather's Ford. He called it a "machine."

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. I delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which I got to keep 2 cents. I had to get up at 4 AM every morning. On Saturday, I had to collect the 42 cents from my customers. My favorite customers were the ones who gave me 50 cents and told me to keep the change. My least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. Touching someone else's tongue with yours was called French kissing and they didn't do that in movies. I don't know what they did in French movies. French movies were dirty and we weren't allowed to see them.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

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MEMORIES from a friend:

My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to "sprinkle" clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old..

How many do you remember?

- Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.
- Ignition switches on the dashboard.
- Heaters mounted on the inside of the fire wall.
- Real ice boxes.
- Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.
- Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.
- Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

Older Than Dirt Quiz: Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about!
Ratings at the bottom.

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed bottles
5. Coffee shops with tableside jukeboxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers

7. Party lines
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (Olive-6933)
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records
15. S&H Green Stamps
16. Hi-fi's
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulb
20. Packards
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young
 If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older
 If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age,
 If you remembered 16-25 = You're older than dirt!

I might be older than dirt but those memories are the best part of my life.

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"Senility Prayer"...God grant me...
 The senility to forget the people I never liked
 The good fortune to run into the ones that I do
 And the eyesight to tell the difference."

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Pennies

You always hear the usual stories of pennies on the sidewalk being good luck, gifts from angels, etc. This is the first time I've ever heard this twist on the story, gives you something to think about.

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home.

My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny?

Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up? Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this? "Look at it." He said. "Read what it says." She read the words "United States of America."

"No, not that; read further."

"One cent?" "No, keep reading."

"In God we Trust?" "Yes," "And?"

"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, "In God We Trust," and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message.

It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful!

And, God is patient...

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Memories.....

Bill Clinton is getting \$12 million for his memoirs.

Hillary Rodham Clinton got \$8 million for hers.

That's \$20 million for memories from two people who for eight years repeatedly testified, under oath, that they couldn't remember anything!

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The true origin of the internet

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot.

And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called 'Amazon Dot Com.'

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why doth thou travel far from town to town with thy goods when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever moving from his tent.

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading. And the young man did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known "eBay" he said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham.

And that is how it all began. It wasn't Al Gore after all.

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And finally try this one:

Weapons of Mass Destruction

1. Go to <http://www.google.com/> then type:
weapons of mass destruction
2. DO NOT press Search!!
3. Instead, click the "I'm feeling lucky" button - then read the error message carefully.

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