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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

(None since our last newsletter)



Somebody's sleeping on the job!



Wake your fellow survivors up and have them join us.

Links to previous editions are now available on the website.

Website Status Report

Check out the number of visitors to our website: 6097 plus. That's over two hundred twenty seven 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

With thirty-six venues (five more than last year), 1055 in attendance (134% increase over last year) and over 15,500 miles under our belts, the 2003 Road Show has had a very successful venture. We've had the opportunity to meet a great number of our fellow Survivors along the way, but now it's back to the regular chores here at the office and a bunch more that we've taken on.

I will be getting the backorders of membership certificates and lapel pins made up and out of here within a week or so. We came home to two computers that were totally fired and a stack of catch up work that would choke a horse, if we could find one.

It's time now for us to switch into our recruitment mode as well as check to see if our members are eligible for an increase in their dignity. We're also coming up on our first anniversary of stewardship of this fine Order and many of the business card ads are due for renewal. Lord only knows we sure can use the \$\$\$\$\$.

Check out the membership list on the website and see if you've got the time for an upgrade in dignity. <http://www.oitp.org/Membershiplist.html> While there, check to see if you cohorts in this business are listed. If not, stir the pot and see if you can get them interested in joining. Remember, there are no initiation fees or dues, just fun and by some slim chance, someone may elect to get a new certificate and we'll remain solvent for another few days.

The folks at DSC Labs have been absolute wonderful for us. They've provided chip-chart (test pattern) pins for those who attended the Road Show and OITP (Order of the Iron Test Pattern) is printed on them. These nice souvenirs were well received and we have a few left, if anyone wants one or two. All we ask is a donation to cover the cost of postage and handling.

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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.



Someone said that this is your Sagacious Pixel on the Road Show.

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Do NOT call list?

This is to all of you that signed up for the "do not call" law. This week I received a card in the mail that looked alright-- It said "vote for your favorite cola - Pepsi or Coke- and receive a complementary 12 pack" It didn't look suspicious--but for some reason I kept looking at it. THEN I

FOUND IT !! At the bottom of the card there is a VERY small statement. It is SO small it is hard to read--but here is what it says---- ' By completing this form, you agree that sponsors and co-sponsors of this offer may telephone you , even if your number is found on a do not call registry or list " This REALLY upset me and I just wanted all my friends to be aware of this way to get around the "do not call" law !! Just think how many people will send this in and their do not call registry will be NO GOOD !!

The company's name is MARKET SOLUTION. Please inform all your friends that signed up for "do not call." I think this is just one of what we will get in the future--so READ EVERYTHING before you SIGN AND SEND !! AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT IT!!!! PLEASE !!!

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Getting Close to Mars

This month and next Earth is catching up with Mars, an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history.

The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287.

Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the last 5,000 years but it may be as long as 60,000 years.

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.1 arc seconds wide.

At a modest 75-power magnification Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye.

Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August Mars will rise in the east at 10 p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m.

But by the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30 a.m.

That's pretty convenient when it comes to seeing something that no human has seen in recorded history.

So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month.

Here are some links to explain further:

<http://www.lunarplanner.com/HCPages/Mars2003.html>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3093693.stm>

http://science.box.sk/newsread_print.php?newsid=4644

<http://science.box.sk/newsread.php?newsid=4644>

<http://www.wnscience.com/s/astronomer/solar.html>

Share this! NO ONE ALIVE TODAY WILL EVER SEE THIS AGAIN!

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Caution when boiling water in a microwave oven

A 26-year old man decided to have a cup of coffee. He took a cup of water and put it in the microwave to heat it up (something that he had done numerous times before). I am not sure how long he set the timer for, but he wanted to bring the water to a boil. When the timer shut the oven off, he removed the cup from the oven. As he looked into the cup, he noted that the water was not boiling, but suddenly the water in the cup "blew up" into his face. The cup remained intact until he threw it out of his hand, but all the water had flown out into his face due to the build up of energy. His whole face was blistered and he got 1st and 2nd degree burns to his face which may leave scarring. He also may have lost partial sight in his left eye.

While at the hospital, the doctor who was attending to him stated that this is a fairly common occurrence and water alone should never be heated in the microwave oven. If water is heated in this manner, something should be placed in the cup to diffuse the energy such as a wooden stir stick, tea bag, etc., (nothing metal). It is however a much safer choice to boil the water in a tea kettle.

General Electric's RESPONSE:

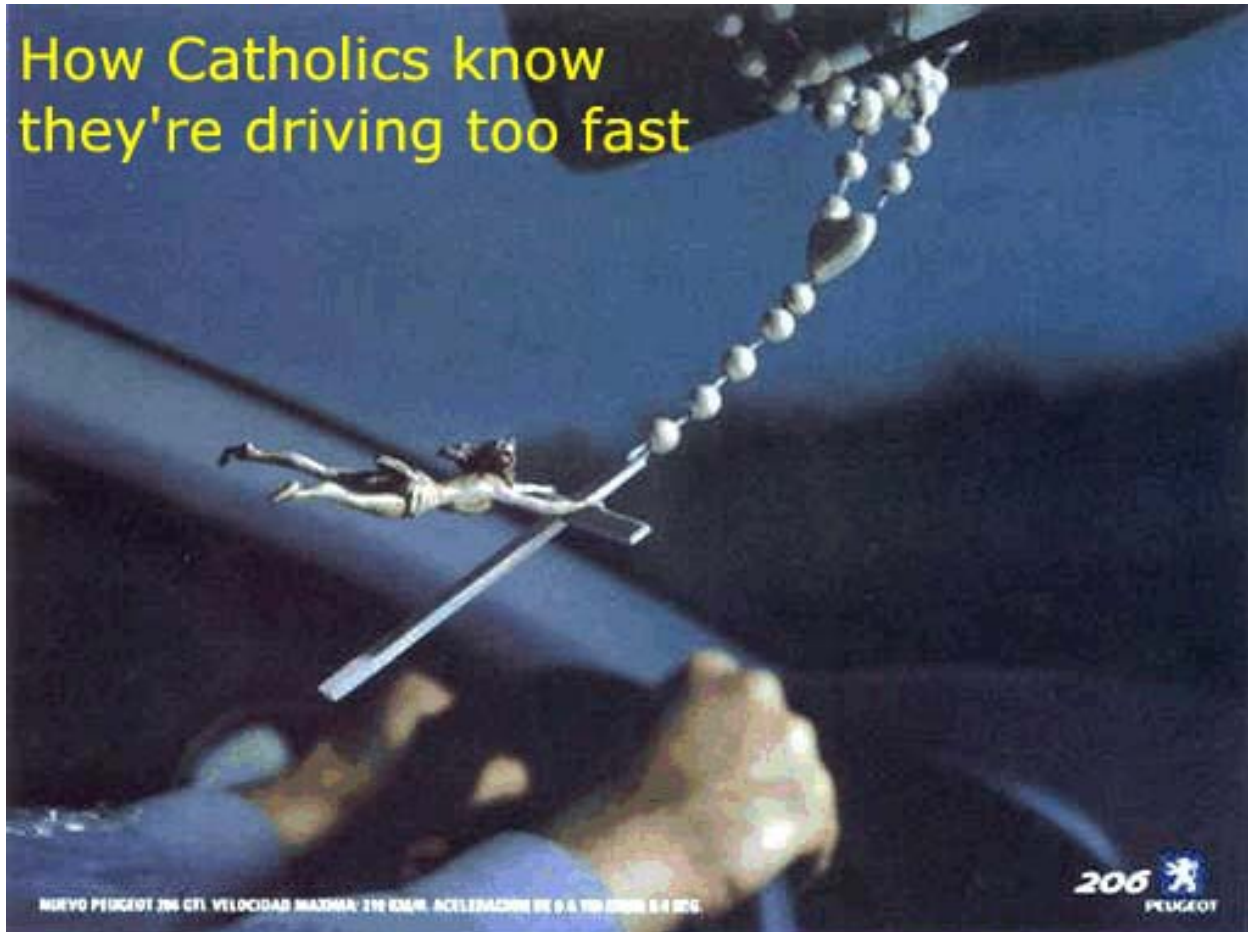
Thanks for contacting us, I will be happy to assist you. The e-mail that you received is correct. Microwaved water and other liquids do not always bubble when they reach the boiling point. They can actually get superheated and not bubble at all. The superheated liquid will bubble up out of the cup when it is moved or when something like a spoon or teabag is put into it.

To prevent this from happening and causing injury, do not heat any liquid for more than two minutes per cup. After heating, let the cup stand in the microwave for thirty seconds before moving it or adding anything into it.

Here is what our local science teacher had to say on the matter: "Thanks for the microwave warning. I have seen this happen before. It is caused by a phenomenon known as super heating. It can occur anytime water is heated and will particularly occur if the vessel that the water is heated in is new, or when heating a small amount of water (less than half a cup).

What happens is that the water heats faster than the vapor bubbles can form. If the cup is very new then it is unlikely to have small surface scratches inside it that provide a place for the bubbles to form. As the bubbles cannot form and release some of the heat that has built up, the liquid does not boil, and the liquid continues to heat up well past its boiling point. What then usually happens is

that the liquid is bumped or jarred, which is just enough of a shock to cause the bubbles to rapidly form and expel the hot liquid. The rapid formation of bubbles is also why a carbonated beverage spews when opened after having been shaken." If you pass this on.... you could very well save someone from a lot of pain and suffering.



Duct Tape Philosophy

Duct tape is like the Force: It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.

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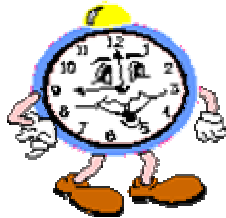
<http://fun.drno.de/flash/beer.swf> (Worth the visit - There is a virus warning, but there is no virus.)

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Professionals and their usefulness

An engineer dies and reports to the pearly gates. St Peter checks his dossier and says, "Ah, you're an engineer - you're in the wrong place."

So, the engineer reports to the gates of hell and is let in. Pretty soon, the engineer gets dissatisfied with the level of comfort in hell, and starts designing and building improvements. After awhile, they've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and the engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day, God calls Satan up on the telephone and says with a sneer, "So, how's it going down there in hell?"

Satan replies, "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

God replies, "What??? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have gotten down there; send him up here."

Satan says, "No way. I like having an engineer on staff, and I'm keeping him."

God says, "Send him back or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers, "Yeah, right. And just where are YOU going to get a lawyer?"

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A different kind of prayer

Heavenly Father, Help us remember that the jerk who cut us off traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those that are close

to us, but to all humanity. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love

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Angry Wife

A man left work one Friday afternoon and instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend, hunting with his mates and spending his entire paycheck. When he finally appeared at home, Sunday night, he was confronted by his very angry wife and was barraged for nearly 2 hours with a tirade about his actions. Finally his wife stopped the tirade and simply said to him, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for 2 or 3 days?"

To which he replied, "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went and he didn't see her. Thursday, the swelling went down just enough where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

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Bulls

A man took his wife to the Rodeo and one of the exhibits is that of breeding bulls. They went up to the first pen and there was a sign that said, "This bull mated 50 times last year." The wife poked her husband in the ribs and said, "He mated 50 times last year." They walked a little further and saw another pen with a sign that said, "This bull mated 120 times last year." The wife hit her husband and said, "That's more than twice a week! You could learn a lot from him." They walked further and a third pen had a bull with a sign saying, "This bull mated 365 times last year." The wife got really excited and said, "That's once a day. You could REALLY learn something from this one." The husband looked at her and said, "Go up and ask him if it was with the same cow."

The husband's condition has been reduced from critical to stable and he should make a full recovery.



Why am I signing this when you should be out chasing real criminals?

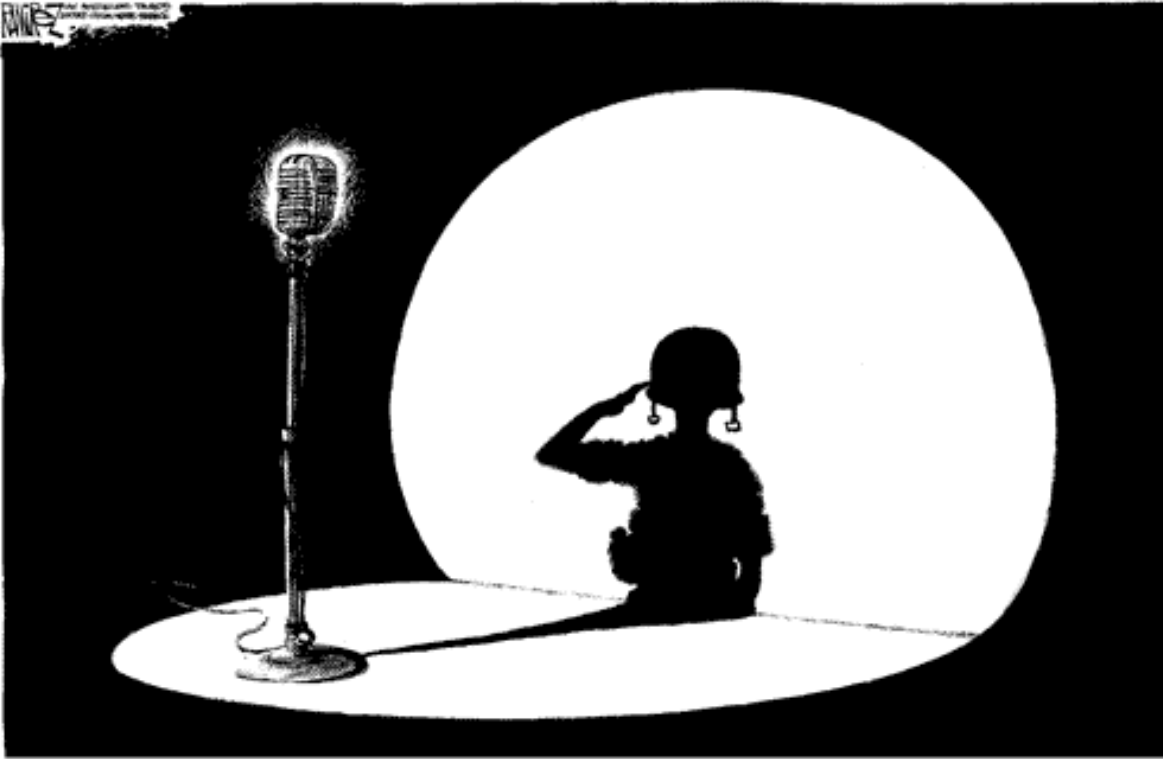


Look Mommy! Marker Pen works!



Beats the hell out of formula.

A tribute to Bob Hope



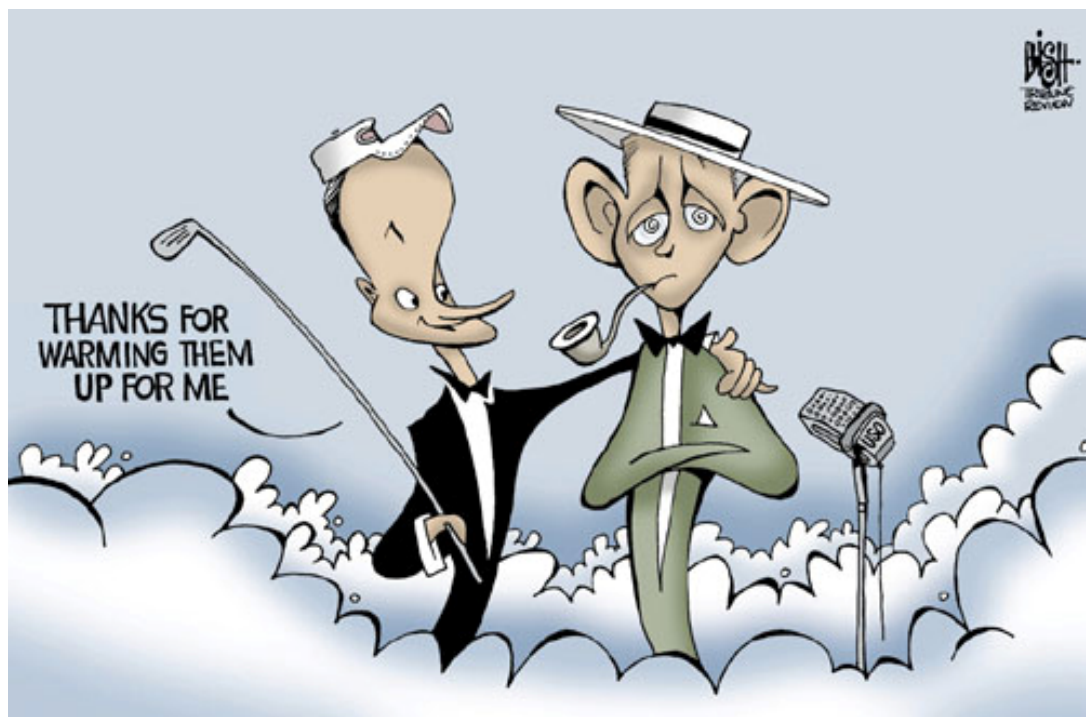
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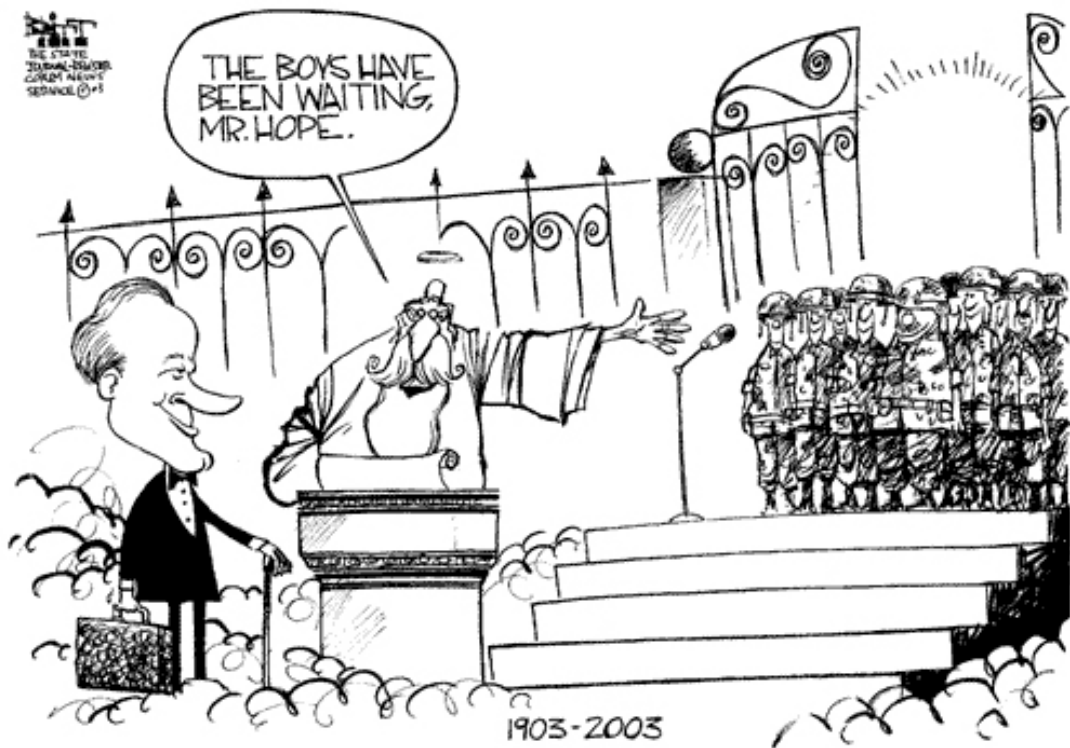
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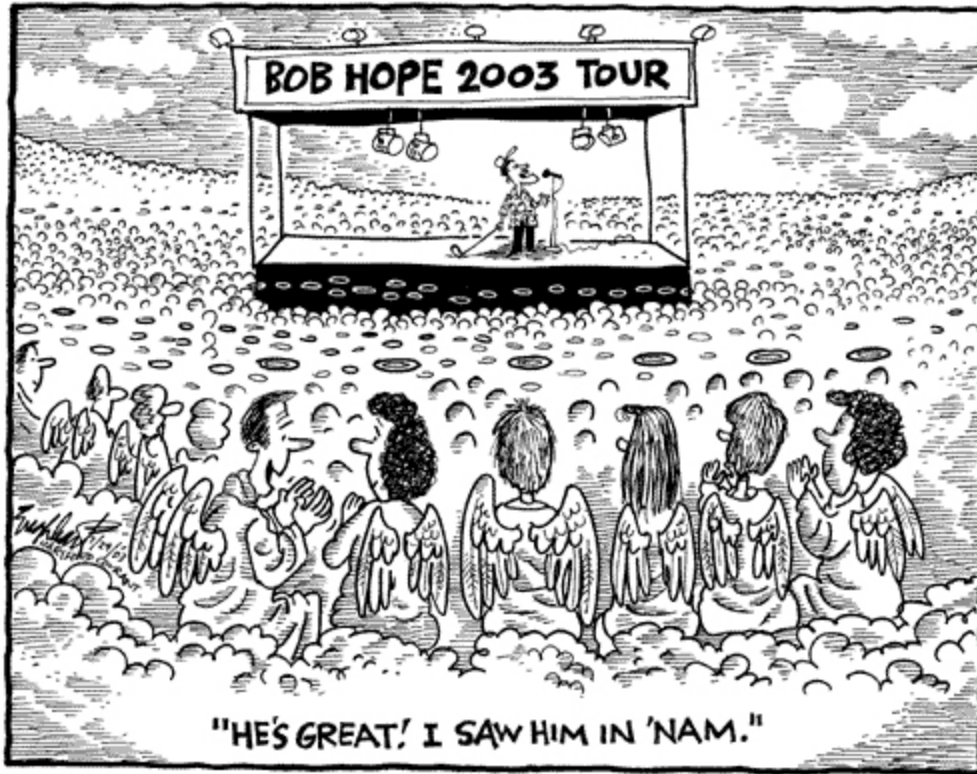


THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES, BOB HOPE



BOB HOPE, 1903-2003





Thanks for the memories

Dinner in Heaven

A very pious Jewish man died and went to heaven. God greets him at the Pearly Gates. "Are you hungry, Moishe?" asked God. "I could eat," Moishe replied.

So God opens a can of tuna and reaches for a chunk of rye bread and they share it.

While eating this humble meal, Moishe looks down into Hell and sees the inhabitants devouring huge steaks, lobsters, pheasants, pastries and wines.

Curious, but deeply trusting, he remained quiet.

The next day God again invited him again to join Him for a meal.

Again, it is tuna and rye bread.

Once again, Moishe can see the denizens of Hell enjoying caviar, champagne, lamb, truffles and chocolates.

Still he says nothing.

The following day, mealtime arrives and another can of tuna is opened.

He can't contain himself any longer. Meekly, he says: "God, I am grateful to be in heaven with You as a reward for the pious, obedient life I led. But here in heaven all I get to eat is tuna and a piece of rye bread, and in the other place they eat like emperors and kings! I just don't understand."

God sighed. "Let's be honest," He says. "For just two people, does it really pay to cook?"

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California Politics



(From one of our California Survivors) I just got a note from a friend who lives in New York State. He commented that he thought NY had weird politics until he read about the California recall election. Well I just had to respond so here are my answers, and I thought that you would enjoy reading it:

I appreciate your comments on our politics, but where else can someone like me have the opportunity to run for governor.

All it takes is 65 names on a petition and \$3500.00. It will be a little harder for me because I don't have 65 friends that can read and write. Also, and possibly more important, my wife refuses to let me spend the \$3500. As a result, I am going to be a write-in candidate. With less than 200 on the ballot, a write-in will give the voter a choice they didn't have before.

I think I'll start my campaign soon since I have excellent ideas for solving some of the States problems:

In the budget deficit area, my first act will be to demand that the legislature start the process of merging California with Mexico (officially). Once the merger is complete, the combined country can qualify for a big loan from the World Bank and their problems will be over and so will ours.

In the education area, I will take all of the tenured College Professors and put them into the elementary school system. This will free up the primary school teachers so that they can now move into the colleges and teach basic skills such as reading and writing.

In the energy area, I will start a study to find out how many wind turbines can fit into the State legislation chambers to harness the hot air energy wasted in speeches.

I have other solutions, but I'm keeping them quiet until election eve so that Arnold Schwarzenager (spelling?) can't steal them and use them in his own campaign.

I have to admit that I really don't need the job, but if I win the election and become Governor for three years it will look good on my resume.

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Where God Wants Me To Be

(Author unknown)



After Sept. 11 ... I happened to call a man on business that I didn't know and have not, nor will ever, talk to again. But this day, he felt like talking. He was head of security of a company that had invited the remaining members of a company who had been decimated by the attack on the Twin Towers to share their office space. With his voice full of awe he told me stories of why these people were alive and their counterparts were dead.....and all the stories were just 'little' things.

As you might know, the head of the company got in late that day because his son started kindergarten. Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts. One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off in time. One was late because of being stuck on the NJ Turnpike because of an auto accident. One missed his bus. One spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change. One's car wouldn't start. One went back to answer the telephone. One had a child that dawdled and didn't get ready as soon as he should have. One couldn't get a taxi. There were other stories that I hope and pray will someday be gathered and put in a book.

The one that struck me was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drugstore to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive today. Now when I am stuck in traffic, miss

an elevator, turn back to answer a ringing telephone.... all the little things that annoy me ...I think to myself, this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment.

May God continue to bless you with all those annoying little things and may you remember their possible purpose.

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Federal Housing Authority



Everyone who has ever bought a house can enjoy this - it's too good not to share! New Orleans lawyer sought an FHA loan for a client. He was told the loan would be granted if he could prove satisfactory title to a parcel of property being offered as collateral. The title to the property dated back to 1803, which took the Lawyer three months to track down. After sending the information to the FHA, he received the following reply

(Actual letter):

"Upon review of your letter adjoining your client's loan application, we note that the request is supported by an Abstract of Title. While we compliment the able manner in which you have prepared and presented the application, we must point out that you have only cleared title to the proposed collateral property back to 1803. Before final approval can be accorded, it will be necessary to clear the title back to its origin."

Annoyed, the lawyer responded as follows:

(Actual letter):

"Your letter regarding title in Case No. 189156 has been received. I note that you wish to have title extended further than the 194 years covered by the present application. I was unaware that any educated person in this country, particularly those working in the property area, would not know that Louisiana was purchased, by the U.S., from France in 1803, the year of origin identified in our application.

For the edification of uninformed FHA bureaucrats, the title to the land prior to U.S. ownership was obtained from France, which had acquired it by Right of Conquest from Spain. The land came into the possession of Spain by Right of Discovery made in the year 1492 by a sea captain named Christopher Columbus, who had been granted the privilege of seeking a new route to India by the Spanish monarch, Isabella. The good queen, Isabella, being a pious woman and almost as careful about titles as the FHA, took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope before she sold her jewels to finance Columbus' expedition. Now the Pope, as I'm sure you may know, is the emissary of God, and God, it is commonly accepted, created this world. Therefore, I believe it is safe to presume that God also made that part of the world called Louisiana. God, therefore, would be the owner of origin and His origins date back, to before the beginning of time, the world as we know it AND the FHA. I hope the hell you find God's original claim to be satisfactory.

Now, may we have our damn loan?"

The loan was approved!

Government or politics



Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But, I repeat myself.

--Mark Twain

We contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

--Winston Churchill

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

--George Bernard Shaw

A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

-- G. Gordon Liddy

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

--James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

--Douglas Casey, Classmate of W.J. Clinton

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

--P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.

--Frederic Bastiat, French Economist (1801-1850)

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases:

If it moves, tax it.

If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

-- Ronald Reagan (1986)

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

--Will Rogers

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free.

--P.J. O'Rourke

If you want government to intervene domestically, you're a liberal. If you want government to intervene overseas, you're a conservative. If you want government to intervene everywhere, you're a moderate. If you don't want government to intervene anywhere, you're an extremist.

--Joseph Sobran, Editor of the National Review at one time (1995)

In general, the art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.

--Voltaire (1764)

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you.

--Pericles (430 B.C.)

No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session.

--Mark Twain (1866)

Talk is cheap-except when Congress does it.

---(Unknown)

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

--Ronald Reagan

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.

--Winston Churchill

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

--Mark Twain

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.

--Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher
(1820-1903)

There is no distinctly native American criminal class, save Congress.

--Mark Twain

There is only one basic human right, the right to do as you damn well please. And with it comes the only basic human duty, the duty to take the consequences.

--P.J. O'Rourke (1993)

What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.

-- Edward Langley, Artist 1928-1995

When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators.

--P.J. O'Rourke

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Tee Hee! Or Golf Humor



A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes. "Boy, I'd give anything to sink this putt," the golfer mumbles to himself.

Just then, a stranger walks up beside him and whispers, "Would you be willing to give up one-fourth of your sex life?"

Thinking that the man is crazy and his answer will be meaningless, the golfer also feels that maybe this is a good omen so he says, "Sure," and sinks the putt.

Two holes later, he mumbles to himself again, "Gee, I sure would like to get an eagle on this one."

The same stranger is at his side again and whispers, "Would it be worth giving up another fourth of your sex life?"

Shrugging, the golfer replies, "Okay," and makes an eagle.

On the final hole, the golfer needs another eagle to win. Without waiting for him to say anything, the stranger quickly moves to his side and says, "Would winning this match be worth giving up the rest of your sex life?"

"Definitely," the golfer replies, and he makes the eagle.

As the golfer is walking to the club house, the stranger walks alongside him and says, "I haven't really been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm the devil, and from this day forward you will have no sex life."



"Nice to meet you," the golfer replies, "I'm Father O'Malley."

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Just make the coffee and don't argue!

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of the cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No you should do it, and besides it is in the Bible that



the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and shows him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says. "HEBREWS"

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"THINKING"

If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not; you don't ,
If you like to win but think you can't;
It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost;
For out of the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will---
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you are outclassed, you are;
You've got to think high to rise;
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.

Life's battle doesn't always go
To the stronger or faster man;
But sooner or later the man who wins,
Is the one who thinks he can.



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SPECIAL THOUGHTS:

I once told someone that I no longer voted. They responded by telling me this: The choice of whether I voted or not was why they waded through rice paddies, toted guns, and fought battles. It wasn't long afterward that I began to vote again.

I once told someone a lie. He responded by telling me this: All of the decisions that they made were based upon the words that I spoke. I have long since told the truth.

I once became upset over a gift I received, because it wasn't what I wanted. The giver saw the disappointment in my eyes and told me this: They had chosen the most valuable gift they could find, because they felt I should have it. I am since very joyful over each gift that I receive.

Someone once told me a secret which I quietly whispered in another friend's ear. They told me this, after hearing their own secret repeated. The reason they had told me the secret was because they trusted me, not my friend. I no longer take trust so lightly.

I once gave a gift to a friend and she cried. I told her it was just a small gift I had found. Her response was that it was not the gift, it was that I had thought of her. I now give gifts often.

The shiny coin was not to be mine, so I had been told. But on my way out the door, it found its way in my hand. When it was discovered that I had stolen the coin, I was quietly taken aside. The owner of the coin told me this. Integrity is given with a choice. I have since chosen to stand with integrity.

Once I told someone of all of my dreams. They smiled warmly and even chuckled then asked if I ever planned on living any of them. I now choose the spending of my days very differently.

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Qantas

Some old, a couple new.



After every flight, Qantas Airlines pilots fill out a form called a gripe sheet, which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that need repair or correction.

The mechanics read and correct the problem, and then respond in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken, and the pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humor.

Here are some supposedly actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution as recorded by Qantas maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

(P = The problem logged by the pilot.)

(S = The solution and action taken by the engineers.)

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on backorder.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.

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Quote of the Year



Nominated for Quote of the Year is the statement made by Texas Congressman Dick Armey (R) when asked, "If you had been in President Clinton's place, would you have resigned?"

Armey's reply: "If I had been in the president's place, I would not have gotten the chance to resign. I would have been lying in a pool of my own blood, looking up, and

listening to my wife ask, 'How do you reload this son of a bitch'?"

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TWO TOUGH QUESTIONS....

Question 1: If you knew a woman who was pregnant, who had 8 kids already, three who were deaf, two who were blind, one mentally retarded, and she had syphilis, would you recommend that she have an abortion?

Read the next question before looking at the answer for this one.

Question 2: It is time to elect a new world leader, and only your vote counts.

Here are the facts about the three leading candidates.

Candidate A - Associates with crooked politicians, and consults with astrologists. He's had two Mistresses. He also chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B - He was kicked out of office twice, sleeps until noon, used opium in College and drinks a quart of whiskey every evening.

Candidate C - He is a decorated war hero. He's a vegetarian, doesn't smoke, drinks an occasional beer and never cheated on his wife.

Which of these candidates would be your choice? Decide first, no peeking, then scroll down for the answer.

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt.



Candidate B is Winston Churchill.



Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.





And, by the way, the answer to the abortion question: If you said yes, you just killed Beethoven.

Pretty interesting isn't it? Makes a person think before judging someone.

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember: Amateurs built the ark.

Professionals built the Titanic and in case you never saw this one.....Can you imagine working for a company that has a little more than 500 employees and has the following statistics:

- * 29 have been accused of spousal abuse
- * 7 have been arrested for fraud
- * 19 have been accused of writing bad checks
- * 117 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses
- * 3 have done time for assault
- * 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- * 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
- * 8 have been arrested for shoplifting
- * 21 are currently defendants in lawsuits
- * 84 have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year

Can you guess which organization this is? Give up yet?

It's the 535 members of the United States Congress. The same group of idiots that crank out hundreds of new laws each year designed to keep the rest of us in line.

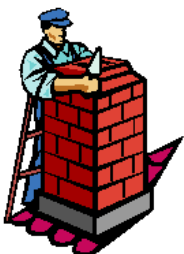
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Oldie but a Goodie

The first time I heard this story was on the news.....20 years ago! I had to pull my car to the side of the road because I was laughing so hard.....LOL, it is still an awesome story.

This is a bricklayer's accident report, which was printed in the newsletter of the Australian equivalent of the Workers' Compensation board. (This is a true story)

Dear Sir:



I am writing in response to your request for additional information in Block 3 of the accident report form. I put "poor planning" as the cause of my accident. You asked for a fuller explanation and I trust the following details will be sufficient.

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new six story building. When I completed my work, I found that I had

some bricks left over which, when weighed later were found to be slightly in excess of 500 lbs.

Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley, which was attached to the side of the building on the sixth floor.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went up to the roof, swung the barrel out and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went down and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the bricks.

You will note in Block 11 of the accident report form that I weigh 175lbs. Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel which was now proceeding downward at an equal, impressive speed. This explained the fractured skull, minor abrasions and the broken collar bone, as listed in section 3 of the accident report form.

Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley. Fortunately by this time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope, in spite of beginning to experience a great deal of pain.

At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Now devoid of the weight of the bricks, that barrel weighed approximately 50 lbs. I refer you again to my weight.

As you can imagine, I began a rapid descent, down the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles, broken tooth and several lacerations of my legs and lower body.

Here my luck began to change slightly. The encounter with the barrel seemed to slow me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of bricks and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, as I lay there on the pile of bricks, in pain, unable to move, I again lost my composure and presence of mind and let go of the rope and I lay there watching the empty barrel begin its journey back down onto me. This explains the two broken legs.

I hope this answers your inquiry."

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OLD ENGLISH PRAYER

Take time to work. It is the price of success.

Take time to think. It is the source of power.



Take time to play. It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read. It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to be friendly. It is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream. It is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to love and be loved. It is the privilege of God.

Take time to look around. It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to laugh. It is the music of the soul.

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Rotary Humor

An old couple were sitting around one evening and the man says to his wife, "Well, here we are about to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We've had a wonderful life together, full of contentment and blessings. But there's something I've always wondered about - tell me, have you ever been unfaithful to me?"

She hesitates for a while and then says, "Yes, three times."

"Good heavens, three times? How did they happen?" the man asks.

The wife begins slowly, with a trembling voice. "Well, do you remember right after we were married and we were broke and the bank was going to foreclose on our little house?"

"Yes, that was really a terrible time," he replies.

The wife continues, "And remembers when I went to see the old banker one night and the next morning the bank extended our loan?"

"It is hard to take," the man says, "but I guess that really was for us and I can forgive you."

What was the second time?"

"Well," she continues, "Do you remember in 1968 when you almost died from that heart problem because we couldn't afford the operation?"

"Yes, yes, I do" the man replies.

"Then you remember that right after I went to see the doctor, he did your operation at no cost?" the wife continues.

"Oh," says the husband. "That shocks me too, but I understand you did it because of your love for me and I forgive you."



But, what was the third time?"

The wife lowers her head and says, "Remember when you ran for president of the Rotary Club and needed 62 more votes?"

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THE CAT



You don't have to own a cat to appreciate this one...

A couple was dressed and ready to go out for the evening. They turned on a night light, turned the answering machine on the phone line, covered their pet parakeet and put the cat in the backyard.

They phoned the local cab company and requested a taxi. The taxi arrived and the couple opened the front door to leave their house. The cat they had put out into the yard scoots back into the house.

They don't want the cat shut in the house because "she" always tries to eat the bird. The wife goes out to the taxi while the husband goes inside to get the cat. The cat runs upstairs, the man in hot pursuit.

The wife doesn't want the driver to know the house will be empty. She explains to the taxi driver that her husband will be out soon. "He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother."

A few minutes later, the husband gets into the cab. "Sorry I took so long," he says, as they drive away. Stupid bitch was hiding under the bed. Had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out! Then I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me. But it worked. I hauled her fat ass downstairs and threw her out into the back yard!"

The cabdriver hit a parked car...

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The Rabbi



There is a story about a popular young rabbi, who on Sabbath eve announces to the congregation that he will not renew his contract and is moving on to a larger congregation that will pay him more. There is a hush.

No one wants him to leave.

Epstein, who owns several car dealerships, stands up and announces, "If the rabbi stays, I'll provide him with a new sedan every year and his lovely wife with a minivan, to transport their children!" The congregation sighs and applauds.

Goldstein, the entrepreneur and investor stands and says, "If the rabbi stays, I'll double his salary, and establish a foundation to guarantee the college education of his children!" More sighs and applause.

Mrs. Goldfarb, aged 70, stands and announces, "If the rabbi stays, I'll give him SEX!" There is a hush.

The rabbi, blushing, asks, "Mrs. Goldfarb, whatever possessed you to say that?" Mrs. Goldfarb answers, "I just asked my husband how we could help, and he said, "'Screw the rabbi.'"

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HOW TO TELL THE SEX OF A FLY

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" She asked.

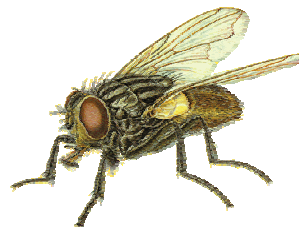
"Hunting Flies" He responded.

"Oh. Killing any?" She asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."



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Try this

The human brain truly is a mystery. Amaze your friends with this little act of human weirdness - While sitting; make clockwise circles with your right foot. At the same time, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand.

What direction is your foot going now?

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Job Application

Wouldn't we all have liked to apply for a job at some time and answer the questions with this honesty?

This is an actual job application that a 17year old boy submitted to Wal-Mart in Florida ... and they hired him because he was so honest and funny!

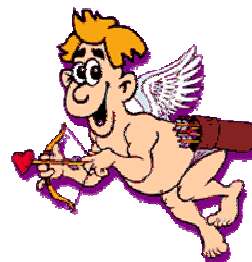
- NAME: Greg Bulmash.
- SEX: Not yet. Still waiting for the right person (or one who'll cooperate).
- DESIRED POSITION: Company's President or Vice President. But seriously, whatever's available. If I was in a position to be picky, I wouldn't be applying here in the first place.
- DESIRED SALARY: \$185,000 a year plus stock options and a Michael Ovitzstyle severance package. If that's not possible, make an offer and we can haggle.
- EDUCATION: Yes.
- LAST POSITION HELD: Target for middle management hostility.
- SALARY: A lot less than I'm worth.
- MOST NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT: My incredible collection of stolen pens and post-it notes.
- REASON FOR LEAVING: It sucked.
- HOURS AVAILABLE TO WORK: Any.
- PREFERRED HOURS: 1:30-3:30 p. m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
- DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS? Yes, but they're better suited to a more intimate environment.
- MAY WE CONTACT YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYER? If I had one, wouldn't I be there?
- DO YOU HAVE ANY PHYSICAL CONDITIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT YOU FROM LIFTING UP TO 50 Lbs.?: Of what?
- DO YOU HAVE A CAR?: I think the more appropriate question here would be "Do you have a car that runs?"
- HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION?: I may already be a winner of the Publishers Clearing house Sweepstakes.
- DO YOU SMOKE?: On the job no, on my breaks yes.
- WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS?: Living in the Bahamas with a fabulously wealthy dumb sexy blonde supermodel who thinks I'm the greatest thing since sliced bread. Actually, I'd like to be doing that now.
- DO YOU CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE?: Yes. Absolutely.

SIGN HERE: Aries

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HOW TO SAY I LOVE YOU IN 25 LANGUAGES

English	I Love You
Spanish	Te Amo
French	Je T'aime
German	Ich Liebe Dich
Japanese	Ai Shite Imasu
Italian	Ti Amo
Chinese	Wo Ai Ni
Swedish	Jag Alskar



Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Louisiana, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky & parts of Florida Nice butt, Get in the truck.

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Passover possibilities

It made headlines in Israel when the Clalit Health Services' list of kosher-for-Passover medications, which is the standard authority for the various rabbinical authorities in Israel, listed Pfizer's Viagra as containing chametz and thus not Kosher for Passover. Rabbi Menachem Rosenberg, the rabbi of Clalit Health Services, confirmed in the Jerusalem Post that Viagra (sildenafil citrate) indeed is not kosher for Passover. "The coating apparently has a leavened substance," he explained.



However, in New York, Rabbi Avrom Blumenkrantz, who publishes the authoritative list of acceptable drugs for Passover for American jews, listed Pfizer's Viagra as Kosher for Passover.

ASK THE RABBI by Rabbi Yossi Howidozit

Q: Is it permissible to take Viagra on the Sabbath?

A: There are two differing schools of thought on whether you can take Viagra on the Sabbath. Beit Shammai forbids the ingestion of Viagra on the Sabbath lest one violate the law that forbids erecting a structure (boneh) on the Sabbath.

However, Beit Hillel does not read it as "boneh" but as "boner" and permits the ingestion of Viagra on the Sabbath. The ingestion of Viagra (known as "Yeshurun" or "the straight one") is permitted before sundown as long as the Kabbalat Shabbat takes less than a half hour to complete, the kids are asleep and your wife doesn't have a headache.

Q: What bracha does one say before taking Viagra?

A: There is a choice of four blessings:

- 1) Borei p'ri haeitz - blessing over the fruit of the tree.
- 2) Boruch Atah Hashem zokeif k'fuffim - Straighten those who are bent.
- 3) Boruch Atah Hashem ya'aleh v'yovo - arise and come.
- 4) Boruch Atah Hashem Mechayei hameitim - raise the dead.

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Moses and the Computer:

"Excuse me, Sir."

"Is that you again, Moses?"

"I'm afraid it is, Sir."

"What is it this time, Moses; more computer problems?"

"How did you guess?"

"I don't have to guess, Moses. Remember?"

"Oh, yes; I forgot."

"Tell me what you want, Moses."

"But you already know, Sir. Remember?"

"Moses!"

"Sorry, Sir."

"Well, go ahead, Moses; spit it out."

"Well, I have a question, Sir. You know those ten 'things' you sent me via e-mail?"

"You mean the Ten Commandments, Moses?"

"That's it. I was wondering if they are important."

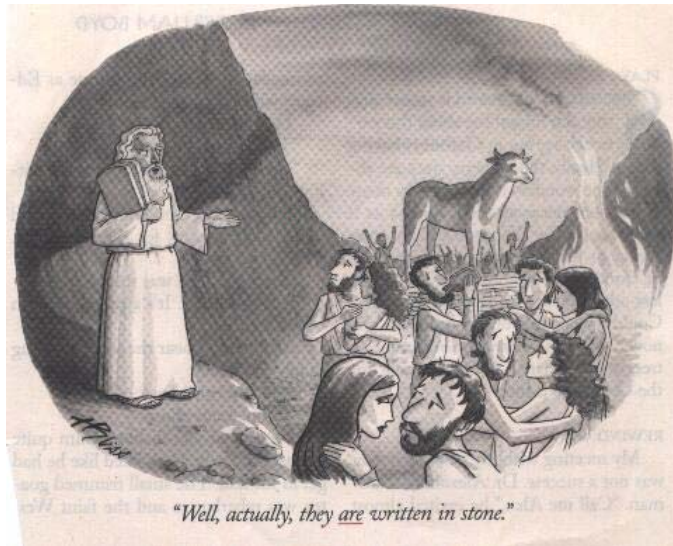
"What do you mean 'if they are important,' Moses? Of course, they are important. Otherwise, I would not have sent them to you."

"Well, sorry, Sir, but I lost them. I could say the dog ate them; but, of course, you would see right through that."

"What do you mean you 'lost them'? Are you trying to tell me you didn't save them, Moses?"

"No, Sir; I forgot."

"You should always save, Moses."



"Yes, I know. You told me that before. I was going to save them, but I forgot. I did forward them to some people before I lost them though."

"And did you hear back from any of them?"

"You already know I did. There was the one guy who said he never uses 'shalt not.' May he change the words a little bit?"

"Yes, Moses, as long as he does not change the meaning."

"And what about the guy who thought your stance was a little harsh, and recommended calling them the 'Ten Suggestions,' or letting people pick one or two to try for a while?"

"Moses, I will act as if I did not hear that."

"I think that means 'no.' Well, what about the guy who said I was scamming him?"

"I think the term is 'spamming,' Moses."

"Oh, yes. I E-mailed him back and told him I don't even eat that stuff, and I have no idea how you can send it to someone through a computer."

"And what did he say?"

"You know what he said. He used Your name in vain. You don't think he might have sent me one of those -- err -- plagues, and that's the reason I lost those ten 'things', do you?"

"They are not plagues; they are called 'viruses,' Moses."

"Whatever! This computer stuff is just too much for me. Can we go back to those stone tablets? It was hard on my back taking them out and reading them each day, but at least I never lost them."

"We will do it the new way, Moses; using computers!!"

"I was afraid you would say that, Sir."

"Moses, what did I tell you to do if you messed up?"

"You told me to hold up this rat and point it toward the computer."

"It's a mouse, Moses, not a rat. Mouse! Mouse!
And did you do that?"

"No, I decided to try calling technical support first. After all, who knows more about this stuff than you? And I really like your hours. By the way, Sir, did Noah have two of these mice on the ark?"

"No, Moses."

"One other thing. Why did you not name them 'frogs' instead of 'mice,' because did you not tell me the thing they sit on is a pad?"

"I did not name them, Moses. Man did, and you can call yours a frog if you want to."

"Oh, that explains it. I bet some woman told Adam to call it a mouse. After all, was it not a woman who named one of the computers 'Apple?'"

"Say good night, Moses."

"Wait a minute, Sir. I am pointing the mouse, and it seems to be working. Yes, a couple of the ten 'things' have come back."

"Which ones are they, Moses?"

"Let me see. 'Thou shalt not steal from any grave an image' and 'Thou shalt not uncover Thy neighbor's wife.'"

"Turn the computer off, Moses. I'm sending you another set of stone tablets."

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The New Cabbie



The passenger tapped the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him something.

The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the sidewalk, and stopped centimeters from a shop window.

For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mister, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said he didn't realize that a little tap could scare him so much.

The driver replied, "You're right. I'm sorry; it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years".

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Japanese Computer Error Messages

Here are actual error messages seen on the computer screens in Japan where they are written in Haiku. Aren't these better than "your computer has performed an illegal operation"?

- 1. The Web site you seek cannot be located, but countless more exist.

2. Chaos reigns within. Reflect, repent, and reboot. Order shall return.

3. Program aborting: Close all that you have worked on. You ask far too much.

4. Windows NT crashed. I am the Blue Screen of Death. No one hears your screams.

5. Yesterday it worked. Today it is not working. Windows is like that.

6. Your file was so big. It might be very useful. But now it is gone.

7. Stay the patient course. Of little worth is your ire. The network is down.

8. A crash reduces your expensive computer to a simple stone.

9. Three things are certain: Death, taxes and lost data. Guess which has occurred.

10. You step in the stream, but the water has moved on. This page is not here.

11. Out of memory. We wish to hold the whole sky, but we - -

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The Rabbi's Hat

A Rabbi is walking slowly out of a Shul when a gust of wind blows his hat down the street. He is an old man with a cane and can't walk fast enough to catch his hat. Across the street a man sees what has happened and rushes over to grab the hat and returns it to the Rabbi.

"I don't think I would have been able to catch my hat," the Rabbi says. "Thank you very much." The Rabbi places his hand on his shoulder and says, May God bless you."

The young man thinks to himself, "I've been blessed by the Rabbi, this must be my lucky day!" So he goes to the Racetrack and in the first race he sees there is a horse named Stetson at 20 to 1. He bets \$50 and sure enough the horse comes in first. In the second race he sees a horse named Fedora at 30 to 1 so he bets it all and this horse comes in first also.

Finally at the end of the day he returns home to his wife who asks him where he's been. He explains how he caught the Rabbi's hat and was blessed by him and then went to the track and started winning on horses that had a hat in their names.

"So where's the money?" she says.

"I lost it all in the ninth race. I bet on a horse named Chateau and it lost."

"You fool. Chateau is a house. Chapeau is a hat."

"It doesn't matter." he said, "The winner was some Japanese horse called Yarmulka."



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Response to Dear John.....

A Marine was deployed to Afghanistan. While he was there he received a letter from his girlfriend. In the letter she explained that she had slept with two guys while he had been gone and she wanted to break up with him. AND, she wanted pictures of herself back.

So the Marine did what any squared-away Marine would do. He went around to his buddies and collected all the unwanted photos of women he could find. He then mailed about 25 pictures of naked women to his girlfriend with the following note:

"I don't remember which one you are. Please remove your picture and send the rest back."

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Andy Rooney

Andy Rooney on Vegetarians:

"Vegetarian - that's an old Indian word meaning 'lousy hunter.'"

Andy Rooney On Prisoners:

Did you know that it costs forty-thousand dollars a year to house each prisoner? Jeez, for forty-thousand bucks apiece, I'll take a few prisoners into my house. I live in Los Angeles. I already have bars on the windows. I don't think we should give free room and board to criminals. I think they should have to run twelve hours a day on a treadmill and generate electricity. And if they don't want to run, they can rest in the chair that's hooked up to the generator.

Andy Rooney On Fabric Softener:

My wife uses fabric softener. I never knew what that stuff was for. Then I noticed women coming up to me, sniffing, and then saying under their breath, Married!" and walking away. Fabric Softeners are how our wives mark their territory. We can take off the ring, but it's hard to get that April fresh scent out of your clothes.

Andy Rooney On Morning Differences:

Men and women are different in the morning. We men wake up aroused in the morning. We can't help it. We just wake up and we want you. And the women are thinking, 'How can he want me the way I look in the morning?' It's because we can't see you. We have no blood anywhere near our optic nerve.

Andy Rooney On Phone-In-Polls:

You know those shows where people call in and vote on different issues? Did you ever notice there's always like 18% that say "I don't know." It costs 90 cents to call up and vote and they're voting "I don't know." Honey, I feel very strongly about this. Give me the phone. (Says into phone) "I DON'T KNOW!" (Hangs up looking proud.) Sometimes you have to stand up for what you believe you're not sure about." This guy probably calls up phone sex girls for \$2.95 to say, I'm not in the mood."

Andy Rooney On Cripes:

My wife's from the Midwest. Very nice people there. Very wholesome. They use words like 'Cripes'. 'For Cripe's sake.' Who would that be? Jesus Cripe's? The son of 'Gosh' of the church of 'Holy Moly'? I'm not making fun of it. You think I wanna burn in 'Heck'?

Andy Rooney On Grandma:

My grandmother has a bumper sticker on her car that says, 'Sexy Senior Citizen.' You don't want to think of your grandmother that way, do you? Out entering wet shawl contests. Makes you wonder where she got that dollar she gave you for your birthday.

Andy Rooney On Answering Machines:

Did you ever hear one of these corny, positive messages on someone's answering machine? "Hi, it's a great day and I'm out enjoying it right now. I hope you are too. The thought for the day is: "Share the love." Beep. "Uh, yeah...this is the VD clinic calling Speaking of being positive, your test results are back. Stop sharing the love."

Andy Rooney on Research:

Because over the past few years, more money has been spent on breast implants and Viagra than is spent on Alzheimer's Disease research, it is believed that by the year 2030 there will be a large number of people wandering around with huge breasts and erections ... who can't remember what to do with them.

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Well that's about it for this time. Don't forget to check out the industry news in the Tech-Notes: <http://www.tech-notes.tv/> As we said earlier on, stay tuned – things can only get better! – But only with your help. Tell a friend or associate about us. Until next time --FADE TO BLACK! ☺ .

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