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Order of the Iron Test Pattern



Newsletter

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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.)



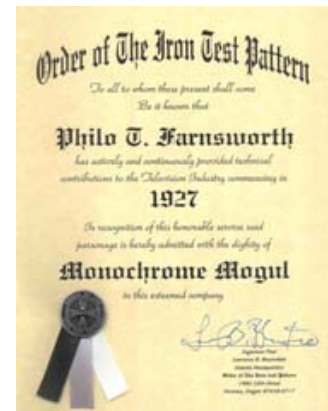
Please note: Membership in the Order of the Iron Test Pattern is for any survivor of the Broadcast industry, not just for folks in TV. We welcome survivors from Radio, Cable, Production, etc. Pass it on.

New, Upgraded or Reinstated Members

David H. Greenlee is a new member and has the dignity of Admiral. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is DGGreenlee@mindspring.com. OITP Admiral Greenlee is Director of Engineering at the Media Resources of ECU in Richmond, KY and will have the exalted endorsements of Knight of the Final Amp and Wooden Tower, when he soon receives his certificate of membership.

Jim Mattison is a reinstated member and returns with the dignity of Galactic Tycoon. On May 3rd of next year, Galactic Tycoon Mattison qualifies for the exalted dignity of Monochrome Mogul. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is jrmattison@aol.com. Galactic Tycoon Mattison is with Rio Radio Supply in McAllen, TX and will be receiving his certificate of membership and lapel pin shortly.

John Malarkey is a member and has the dignity of Monochrome Mogul. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is jcmalark@verison.net. Monochrome Mogul Malarkey began his career in broadcasting at Philco experimental station W3XE in 1946. He is now retired. He will receive his certificate of membership and lapel pin shortly. This is a sample of his certificate. Monochrome Moguls get black, gray and white ribbons; the rest of us get red, blue and green.



Just think what a nice gift you could make of a certificate to some poor unsuspecting survivor of the broadcast industry. Contact your [Sagacious Pixel](#) for more information. And remember that we have special endorsements for those who join and have experience in allied occupations and have survived.

Digital Cinema - Knight of the Cinematic Bit-keeper	Radio - Knight of the Wooden Tower
Satellite - Knight of the Geosynchronous Stuff	Translators - Knight of the Hip-pity-Hop Signal
Cable - Knight of the F59 Connector	Sales - Knight of the Order Pad
Transmitters - Knight of the Final Amplifier	IT - Knight of the Ones & Zeros

To get some poor unsuspecting soul into our august organization is simple, all you have to do is convince anyone who has been around the broadcast industry – Radio, Television, Post Production and/or cable – that their best interests would be served if they joined the rest of us survivors. There are no initiation fees or dues. All we need is for them to fill in this PDF form ([click here for link](#)) and send it to us by mail, fax, e-mail or carrier pigeon, but not smoke signal. This is probably the best deal to hit the broadcast industry since the spark gap transmitter. The only requirement is that the body of the new member must still be breathing. (Notice we have deleted the requirement for them to still be warm.)

In case you consider our newsletters as something you must read and not be without. You can go back and read some of our previous prose. If the attachments are too big, you can go on the notify list and we'll let you know when the latest bit of literary excellence is posted – that's our newsletter, that is.

[Links to previous editions are now available here and on the website.](#)

Website Status Report

Check out the number of visitors to our website: 7390 plus. That's three hundred sixty more new visitors since our last edition. Remember: our counter only counts a visiting IP address once.

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From your Sagacious Pixel

Larry Bloomfield

We're a little late in getting this out, but I still want to wish you all:

**A Happy
New
Year!**

Here's hoping that is will a healthy and prosperous one for you all and your families.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you on the Tech-Notes Road Show this year. Check out our schedule, it is nearly complete: <http://www.tech-notes.tv/2004/2004-1.htm> we hope to recruit some new blood into our organization along the trek.

This edition may seem long, but most of it is composed of pictures. I sure hope you enjoy them as much as we did. Keep 'em coming.

This notification and story came across my desk recently. I have received this hoax in an e-mail. Thank heavens I didn't open it or install it.

New Trojan masquerades as Windows XP update

By Paul Roberts

JANUARY 09, 2004

Security companies are warning Internet users about a new Trojan horse program spreading via spam e-mail and masquerading as a Windows XP software update from Microsoft Corp. The program, known as Xombe or Dloader-L, arrives as an executable attachment in spam e-mail messages purporting to come from windowsupdate@microsoft.com and installs itself on victim's computers when users open the attachment.

Once installed, Xombe connects to a Web site, then downloads and installs another program, called Mssvc-A, which is a Trojan horse program that conscripts victim computers in distributed denial-of-service attacks against Web pages, according to antivirus company Sophos PLC.

Xombe is considered a low risk by most antivirus companies, including Sophos, Computer Associates International Inc. and Symantec Corp. The program is not a worm or virus and can't make copies of itself. Instead, it is distributed via spam.

The spam messages read in part, "Window [sic] Update has determined that you are running a beta version of Windows XP Service Pack 2. To help improve the stability of your computer, Microsoft recommends that you remove the beta version of Windows XP SP1."

Recipients are told to "run the file winxp_sp1.exe in attach [sic] and make sure to restart your PC after installation," according to CA, Sophos and others.

Sophos said it has received several reports of the Xombe Trojan program from customers.

Antivirus companies offered updated virus definitions to spot Xombe today and provided instructions on removing Trojan programs from infected computers.

Microsoft frequently distributes security bulletins using e-mail but never includes software updates as attachments, according to the company's Web site.

Most Microsoft software updates are made available through the Windows Update, Microsoft Office Update or the Microsoft Download Center, the company said.

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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 (so far) 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. If you need any kind of test charts, please give him a ring: they are the best in the business. Thanks Dave!

If you'd like to do something similar, contact us about any of the other pages. Sagacious_Pixel@OITP.org.

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](#), [Radio Works R. F. Consulting](#), [Bloomfield Enterprises, LLC](#) and [DL Creations*](#) Many of these are coming up for renewal also. Click on any of the names (above) and it will either take you to their website or give you an e-mail forum so you can e-mail them. Check these folks 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. (* Recently renewed for a second year.) If it weren't for them, we wouldn't be.

If you wish to put your business card on our site, contact us. Sagacious_Pixel@OITP.org.

Letters from our fellow survivors

From: OITP General Chuck Pharis chuck@pharis-video.com

Hello all! Just wanted to wish you all a very merry Christmas, and let you know what I have been doing since I "retired" from ABC TV Network on Nov. 24, 2003.

I started work the next day! Right back for ABC as a Freelance Video Control Engineer on America's Funniest Home Videos. Then off to USC to do a football game, then to Stanford to do another football game, then to Staples Center to do a Lakers Basketball game, then to The Hockey Stadium to do the Ducks game, then I did a commercial for Motorola. (see attached photos). They used one of my 1970s "tube" cameras to shoot some shots about the space program in the late 1960s.

In the past months I have only had a few days off to "play"! I have not even had time to get in the Bass boat and go fishing!

I plan to work on the camera collection next year, and work about three days a week on sports remotes. Along with my retirement from ABC, I should be fine!.

I plan to update the web site in 2004, so check it out!

<http://www.pharis-video.com>

Have a safe and happy holiday season.



Apparently we were wrong:

From: OITP Lieutenant Eva Hern eva.i.hern1@jsc.nasa.gov

Curmudgeonly 60 Minutes commentator Andy Rooney may have delivered a vituperative essay on French politics in 2003, but this piece elaborating on his own politics is not his creation. The text quoted above is too reactionary even for the acerbic Rooney, and the language used doesn't sound like him. ("Shoot your sorry ass" just isn't the kind of phrase Andy Rooney employs on television.) Just to be thorough, we checked the transcripts of all of Andy Rooney's 60 Minutes pieces from the last ten years, and nothing like this item turned up.

Moreover, Rooney himself denied it in 2003, saying:

About a year ago, I became aware of a more serious theft of my name and it is so hurtful to my reputation that it calls for legal action against the thief. Hundreds of people have written asking if I really wrote the 20 detestable remarks made under my name that have had such wide circulation on the Internet.

Some of the remarks, which I will not repeat here, are viciously racist and the spirit of the whole thing is nasty, mean and totally inconsistent with my philosophy of life. It is apparent that the list of comments has been read by hundreds of thousands of Americans, many of whom must believe that it accurately represents opinions of mine that I don't dare express in my column or on television. It is seriously damaging to my reputation.

The final two items on the list are probably a good tipoff that either this collection was written (by an as yet unidentified author) as a parody of the "A Few Minutes With Andy Rooney" spots on 60 Minutes, or someone appended Andy Rooney's name to an unattributed piece because it "seemed like something he would say." Either way, whoever created this version appears to have lifted some parts from an [earlier piece](#) known as "Yes, I Guess I am A BAD American" and falsely credited to comedian George Carlin.

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/satire/rooney.asp>

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From: Roland Boucher dboucher09@comcast.net

Subject: Issue #16

These old brain cells are slowing down. Took me this long to realize that my name was spelled incorrectly in the newsletter. First name is ROLAND not RONALD. Otherwise enjoyed the play Mrs. Lincoln.

Roland Boucher

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Richard A Farquhar CPBE rick@raf-consulting.com

Is on the move; he sent us this picture and said: "Thanks for all the great work on the newsletters. After January 1 Nancy and I will be doing some extended traveling. Attached to this note is what we will be traveling in. (see picture to right) Nancy and I plan on retiring shortly. We have had a great ride and now we want to enjoy the rest of our lives.



Thanks -- Rick

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The Air Force General

General Hawley's Politically Incorrect Message:

This Air Force General should have been a Marine. What a magnificent and insightful view of what this war on terrorism is actually about. General Hawley, is a newly retired USAF 4 star general. He commanded the Air Combat Command [our front-line fighters and bombers] at Langley AFB, VA. He is now retired and no longer required to be politically correct.

"Since the attack [9-11], I have seen, heard, and read thoughts of such surpassing stupidity that they must be addressed. You've heard them too.

Here they are:

1) "We're not good, they're not evil, everything is relative." Listen carefully: We're good, they're evil, nothing is relative. Say it with me now and free yourselves. You see, folks, saying "We're good" doesn't mean, "We're perfect." Okay? The only perfect being is the bearded guy on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. The plain fact is that our country has, with all our mistakes and blunders, always been and always will be the greatest beacon of freedom, charity, opportunity, and affection in history. If you need proof, open all the borders on Earth and see what happens.

2) "Violence only leads to more violence." This one is so stupid you usually have to be the president of an Ivy League university to say it. Here's the truth, which you know in your heads and hearts already: Ineffective, unfocused violence leads to more violence. Limp, panicky, half measures lead to more violence. However, complete, fully thought through, professional, well executed violence never leads to more violence because, you see, afterwards, the other guys are all dead.

That's right, dead. Not "on trial," not "reeducated," not "nurtured back into the bosom of love." Dead.

3) "The CIA and the rest of our intelligence community have failed us." For 25 years we have chained our spies like dogs to a stake in the ground, and now that the house has been robbed, we yell at them for not protecting us. Starting in the late seventies, under Carter appointee Stansfield Turner, the giant brains who get these giant ideas decided that the best way to gather international intelligence was to use spy satellites. "After all, (they reasoned,) you can see a license plate from 200 miles away." This is very helpful if you've been attacked by a license plate. Unfortunately, we were attacked by humans. Finding humans is not possible with satellites. You have to use other humans. When we bought all our satellites, we fired all our humans, and here's the really stupid part. It takes years, decades to infiltrate new humans into the worst places of the world. You can't just have a guy who looks like Gary Busey in a Spring Break '93 sweatshirt plop himself down in a coffee shop in Kabul and say "Hiya, boys. Gee, I sure would like to meet that bin Laden fella. "Well, you can, but all you'd be doing is giving the bad guys a story they'll be telling for years.

4) "These people are poor and helpless, and that's why they're angry at us." Uh-huh, and Jeffrey Dahmer's frozen head collection was just a desperate cry for help. The terrorists and their backers are richer than Elton John and, ironically, a good deal less annoying. The poor helpless people, you see, are the villagers they tortured and murdered to stay in power. Mohammed Atta, one of the evil scumbags who steered those planes into the killing grounds is the son of a Cairo surgeon. But you knew this, too. In the sixties and seventies, all the pinheads marching against the war were upper-middle-class college kids who grabbed any cause they could think of to get out of their final papers and spend more time drinking. It's the same today.

5) "Any profiling is racial profiling." Who's killing us here, the Norwegians? Just days after the attack, the New York Times had an article saying dozens of extended members of the gazillionaire bin Laden family living in America were afraid of reprisals and left in a huff, never to return to studying at Harvard and using too much Drakkar. I'm crushed. Please come back. Let's all stop singing "We Are the World" for a minute and think practically. I don't want to be sitting on the floor in the back of a plane four seconds away from hitting Mt. Rushmore and turn, grinning, to the guy next to me to say, "Well, at least we didn't offend them."

SO HERE'S what I resolve for the New Year: Never to forget our murdered brothers and sisters. Never to let the relativists get away with their immoral thinking. After all, no matter what your daughter's political science professor says, we didn't start this. Have you seen that bumper sticker that says, "No More Hiroshimas"? I wish I had one that says, "No More Pearl Harbors."

Have a wonderful day; and happy new year!

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The Iraq Story (So Far)

The following is an email message sent to all First Marine Air Wing and Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 from LtCol Scot S. Seitz, Commanding Officer, on Monday, December 1, 2003. It's worth reading and sharing.

Marines and Sailors,

As we approach the end of the year, I think it is important to share a few thoughts about what you've accomplished directly, in some cases, and indirectly in many others. I am speaking about what the Bush Administration and each of you has contributed by wearing the uniform, because the fact that you wear the uniform contributes 100% to the capability of the nation to send a few onto the field to execute national policy. As you read about these achievements you are a part of, I would call your attention to two things:

This is good news that hasn't been "fit to print or report" on TV. It is much easier to point out the errors a man makes when he makes the tough decisions, rarely is the positive as aggressively pursued.

Since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1:

The first battalion of the new Iraqi Army has graduated and is on active duty. Over 60,000 Iraqis now provide security to their fellow citizens. Nearly all of Iraq's 400 courts are functioning. The Iraqi judiciary is fully independent.

On Monday, October 6, power generation hit 4,518 megawatts, exceeding the prewar average. All 22 universities and 43 technical institutes and colleges are open, as are nearly all primary and secondary schools.

By October 1, Coalition forces had rehabed over 1,500 schools, 500 more than scheduled. Teachers earn from 12 to 25 times their former salaries. All 240 hospitals and more than 1,200 clinics are open. Doctors salaries are at least eight times what they were under Saddam. Pharmaceutical distribution has gone from essentially nothing to 700 tons in May to a current total of 12,000 tons.

The Coalition has helped administer over 22 million vaccinations to Iraq's children. A Coalition program has cleared over 14,000 kilometers of Iraq's 27,000 kilometers of weed-choked canals which now irrigate tens of thousands of farms. This project has created jobs for more than 100,000 Iraqi men and women.

We have restored over three-quarters of pre-war telephone services and over two-thirds of the potable water production. There are 4,900 full-service telephone connections. We expect 50,000 by year-end. The wheels of commerce are turning. From bicycles to satellite dishes to cars and trucks, businesses are coming to life in all major cities and towns.

95 percent of all pre-war bank customers have service and first-time customers are opening accounts daily. Iraqi banks are making loans to finance businesses. The central bank is fully independent. Iraq

has one of the world's most growth-oriented investment and banking laws. Iraq has a single, unified currency for the first time in 15 years.

Satellite TV dishes are legal. Foreign journalists aren't on 10-day visas paying mandatory and extortionate fees to the Ministry of Information for "minders" and other government spies. There is no Ministry of Information. There are more than 170 newspapers. You can buy satellite dishes on what seems like every street corner. Foreign journalists (and everyone else) are free to come and go.

A nation that had not one single element-legislative, judicial or executive-of a representative government, now does. In Baghdad alone, residents have selected 88 advisory councils. Baghdad's first democratic transfer of power in 35 years happened when the city council elected its new chairman.

Today in Iraq, chambers of commerce, business, school and professional organizations are electing their leaders all over the country. 25 ministers, selected by the most representative governing body in Iraq's history, run the day-to-day business of government. The Iraqi government regularly participates in international events. Since July, the Iraqi government has been represented in over two dozen international meetings, including those of the UN General Assembly, the Arab League, the World Bank and IMF, and today, the Islamic Conference Summit. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs today announced that it is reopening over 30 Iraqi embassies around the world.

Shia religious festivals that were all but banned, aren't. For the first time in 35 years, in Karbala thousands of Shiites celebrate the pilgrimage of the 12th Imam.

The Coalition has completed over 13,000 reconstruction projects, large and small, as part of a strategic plan for the reconstruction of Iraq.

Uday and Qusay are dead, and no longer feeding innocent Iraqis to the zoo lions, raping the young daughters of local leaders to force cooperation, torturing Iraq's soccer players for losing games, or murdering critics.

Children aren't imprisoned or murdered when their parents disagree with the government. Political opponents aren't imprisoned, tortured, executed, maimed, or are forced to watch their families die for disagreeing with Saddam. Millions of long-suffering Iraqis no longer live in perpetual terror. Saudis will hold municipal elections. Qatar is reforming education to give more choices to parents. Jordan is accelerating market economic reforms.

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded for the first time to an Iranian, a Muslim woman who speaks out with courage for human rights, for democracy and for peace.

Saddam is gone.

Iraq is free.

President Bush has not faltered or failed. Yet, little or none of this information has been published by the Press Corps that prides itself on bringing you all the news that's important.

Iraq under US-led control has come further in six months than Germany did in seven years or Japan did in nine years following WWII. Military deaths from fanatic Nazi's and Japanese numbered in the thousands and continued for over three years after WWII victory was declared.

It took the US over four months to clear away the twin tower debris, let alone attempt to build something else in its place.

Now, take into account that almost every Democrat leader in the House and Senate has fought President Bush on every aspect of his handling of this country's war and the post-war reconstruction, and that they continue to claim on a daily basis on national TV that this conflict has been a failure.

Taking everything into consideration, even the unfortunate loss of our brothers and sisters in this conflict, do you think anyone else in the world could have accomplished as much as the United States in so short a period of time?

These are things worth writing about. Get the word out. Write to someone you think may be able to influence our Congress or the press to tell the story.

Above all, be proud that you are a part of this historical precedent.

God bless you all. Have a great Holiday.

Semper Fidelis, LtCol Scot S Seitz

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Signs of our Times

On a Septic Tank Truck in Oregon:
Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

On a Septic Tank Truck sign:
"We're #1 in the #2 business."

Sign over a Gynecologist's Office:
"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

At a Proctologist's door
"To expedite your visit please back in."

On a Plumber's truck:
"We repair what your husband fixed."

On a Plumber's truck:
"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.."

Pizza Shop Slogan:
"7 days without pizza makes one weak."

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee:
"Invite us to your next blowout."

On a Plastic Surgeon's Office door:
"Hello. Can we pick your nose?"

At a Towing company:
"We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want toes."

On an Electrician's truck:
"Let us remove your shorts."

In a Nonsmoking Area:
"If we see smoke, we will assume you're on
fire and take appropriate action."

On a Maternity Room door:
"Push. Push. Push."

At an Optometrist's Office
"If you don't see what you're looking for,
you've come to the right place."

On a Taxidermist's window:
"We really know our stuff."

In a Podiatrist's office:
"Time wounds all heels."

On a Fence:
"Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive."

At a Car Dealership:
"The best way to get back on your feet - miss
a car payment."

Outside a Muffler Shop:
"No appointment necessary. We hear you
coming."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

At the Electric Company:
"We would be delighted if you send in your
payment.
However, if you don't, you will be"

In a Restaurant window:
"Don't stand there and be hungry, Come on in
and get fed up."

In the front yard of a Funeral Home:
"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

At a Propane Filling Station,
"Thank heaven for little grills."

And don't forget the sign at a Chicago
Radiator Shop:
"Best place in town to take a leak."

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From a Sunday-School Teacher

3-year-old, Reese:
"Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is
His name.
Amen."

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A little boy was overheard praying:  
"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't  
worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I  
am."

A. Sunday school class was studying the Ten  
Commandments. They were ready to discuss the  
last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her  
what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and  
quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the  
neighbor's wife."

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After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."

and one particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table she said, "This is something to think about! Since America is typically represented by an eagle. Saddam should have read up on his Muslim passages... The following verse is from the Quran, (the Islamic Bible)

Quran (9:11) -- For it is written that a son of Arabia would awaken a fearsome Eagle. The wrath of the Eagle would be felt throughout the lands of Allah and lo, while some of the people trembled in despair still more rejoiced; for the wrath of the Eagle cleansed the lands of Allah; and there was peace.

Note the verse number!!!!

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. See those men standing by the door? They're hushers."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"



Kids tell all

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

--Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up whom they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

--Kirsten, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

--Camille, age 10

No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married.

--Freddie, age 6

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

--Derrick, age 8

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids.

--Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

--Lynnette, age 8

On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

--Martin, age 10

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A FIRST DATE THAT WAS TURNING SOUR?

I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns.

--Craig, age 9

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich. --Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.
--Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them.
It's the right thing to do.
--Howard, age 8

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

I don't know which is better, but I'll tell you one thing. I'm never going to have sex with my wife. I don't want to be all grossed out.
--Theodore, age 8

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.
--Anita, age 9

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?
--Kelvin, age 8

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck.
--Ricky, age 10

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Some good ones!

The first couple to be shown in bed together On prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

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Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better than men.

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It is impossible to lick your elbow.

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The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

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The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%. (now get this...)
The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.

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The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400

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The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.
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The youngest pope was 11 years old.  
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The first novel ever written on a typewriter:
Tom Sawyer.
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San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.  
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Each king in a deck of cards represents a great king from history:
Spades- King David,
Hearts- Charlemagne,
Clubs-Alexander, the Great
Diamonds- Julius Caesar
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Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature was not added until 5 years later.  
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Q. What occurs more often in December than any other month?
A. Conception.
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Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?  
A. Their birthplace  
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Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?
A. Obsession
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Q. If you were to spell out numbers, to what number would you have to go until you found the letter "A"?  
A. One thousand  
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Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, dishwashers, and laser printers all have in common?
A. They were all invented by women.
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Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?  
A. Honey  
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Q. What trivia fact about Mel Blanc (voice of Bugs Bunny) is the most ironic?
A. He was allergic to carrots.
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Q. What is the activity performed by 40% of all people at a party?  
A. Snoop in the medicine cabinet.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on.  
Hence the phrase: "Good night, sleep tight,"

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It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would provide his son-in-law all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer. Because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, or, as we know it today, the honeymoon.

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In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So, in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them: "Mind your own pints and quarts and settle down." It's where we get the "mind your P's and Q's."

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Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service.
"Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

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In Scotland, a new game was invented. It was entitled Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden....  
thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

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AND FINALLY ~~~~~

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow.

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Senior Fashion Guidelines for the New Year

Many of us "Old Folks" (those over 50 or hovering over 50) are quite confused about how we should present ourselves. We're unsure about the kind of image we are projecting and whether or not we are correct as we try to be nice and conform to the fashions that the designers in NYC, California, and/or Paris inflict upon the world.

A sincere study of the situation was made and here are the results. File it for your own use and pass it on to all the Seniors (Old Folks) that you know and love.

Despite what you may have seen on the streets, the following combinations DO NOT go together:

1. A nose ring and bifocals
2. Spiked hair and bald spots
3. A pierced tongue and dentures
4. Miniskirts and support hose
5. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
6. Speedos and cellulite
7. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar
8. Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor

9. Midriff shirts and a midriff bulge
10. Bikinis and liver spots
11. Short shorts and varicose veins
12. In-line skates and a walker

With these guidelines I'm sure we'll all be LOOKING GOOD!

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Senior Personal Ads

Some "Senior" personal ads seen in Florida newspapers:
(Who says seniors don't have a sense of humor?)

FOXY LADY: Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty, 80's, slim, 5'4" (used to be 5'6"), searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT: Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband, and am looking for someone to round out a six-unit plot. Dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath not a problem.

SERENITY NOW: I am into solitude, long walks, sunrises, the ocean, yoga and meditation. If you are the silent type, let's get together, take our hearing aids out and enjoy quiet times.

WINNING SMILE: Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flosser to share rare steaks, corn on the cob and caramel candy.

BEATLES OR STONES? I still like to rock, still like to cruise in my Camaro on Saturday nights and still like to play the guitar. If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen, let's get together and listen to my eight-track tapes.

MEMORIES: I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.

MINT CONDITION: Male, 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Isn't in running condition, but walks well.

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The Senior Wedding

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in Florida, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding and on the way they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in.

Jacob addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?"



The pharmacist answers "Yes."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism, scoliosis?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about Viagra?"

Pharmacist: "Of course."

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, Jaundice?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob says to the pharmacist:

"We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

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Websites to Visit.

This web site has videos of how many different things are manufactured. All kinds of things are here. It would help if You had a high speed internet connection for this one to play well.

<http://manufacturing.stanford.edu/>

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Picture of the Month



		
<u>Russia</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>France</u>

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(Advertisement)



Phillip's
Milk of Amnesia

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for people
who can't
remember s...t.

From our troupes

This was submitted by a Marine Mom, who received it from her son in Kuwait. They are hearing about the anti-war protests and he was upset. That's the entire letter talked about. He enclosed a poem he and his buddies wrote.

He wants us to get it out -- let people see how they feel.

"Wish You Were Here"

For all the free people that still protest.

You're welcome.

We protect you and you are protected by the best.

Your voice is strong and loud, but who will fight for you?

No one standing in your crowd.

We are your fathers, brothers, and sons, wearing the boots and carrying guns.

We are the ones that leave all we own, to make sure your future is carved in stone.

We are the ones who fight and die,

We might not be able to save the world,

Well, at least we try.

We walked the paths to where we are at and we want no choice other than that.

So when you rally your group to complain, take a look in the back of your brain.

In order for that flag you love to fly wars must be fought and young men must die.

We came here to fight for the ones we hold dear.

If that's not respected, we would rather stay here.

So please stop yelling, put down your signs, and pray for those behind enemy lines.

When the conflict is over and all is well, be thankful that we chose to go through hell.

Corporal Joshua Miles and all the boys from 3rd Battalion 2nd Marines, Kuwait



Now for some humor or attempts at it

Could it be?




(Advertisement)

Crane: \$1,500
Antennas: \$2,700
Tower Crew: \$5,000
Base Station Equipment: \$300,000

Burning down 3 competitors during the installation of
your own equipment:

PRICELESS



Sadam Stuff



No caption on the one below is necessary



Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governator
State of California

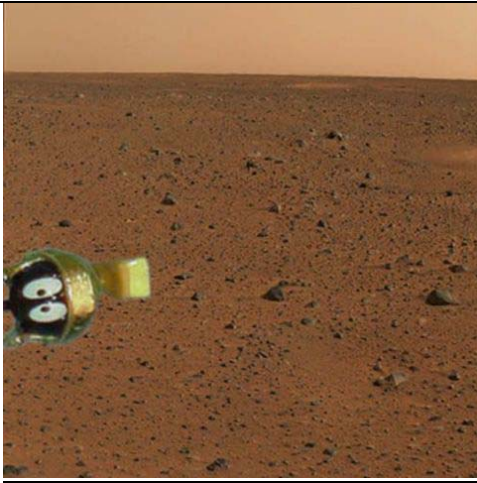


The Cat In The Hat On Aging

I cannot see
I cannot pee
I cannot chew
I cannot screw
Oh, my God, what can I do?
My memory shrinks
My hearing stinks
No sense of smell
I look like hell
My mood is bad -- can you tell?
My body's drooping
Have trouble pooping
The Golden Years have come at last
The Golden Years can kiss my ass

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Just in from Mars



Now What?



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Actual Flat Sidewalk Pictures

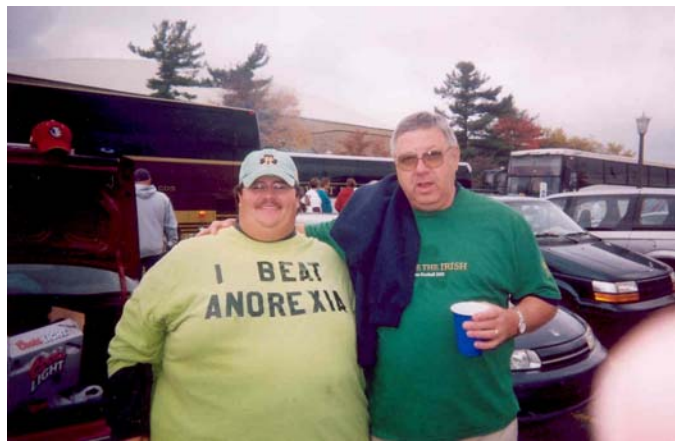
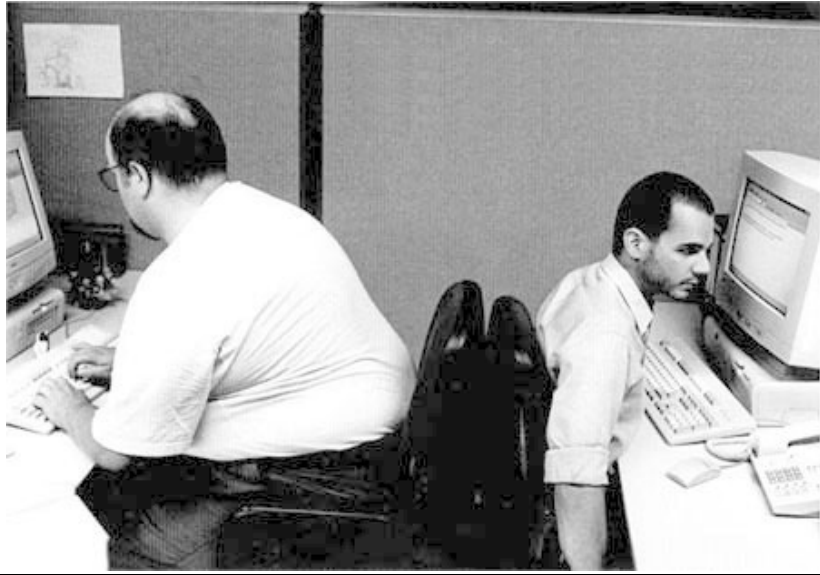
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Unaltered Pictures



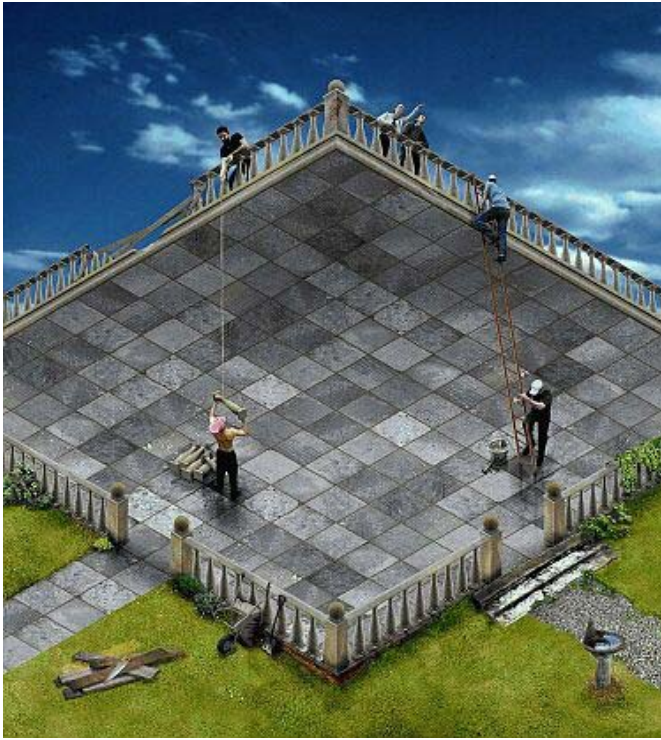




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Eye Test



*A Face Of A Native
American... Or An Eskimo?*



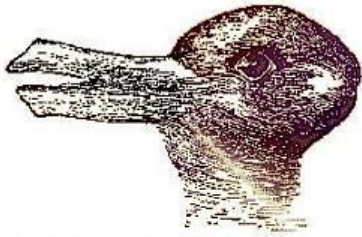
*Woman In Vanity... Or Skull?
hint: move farther a bit from the screen and
blink to see the skull or the woman (looking at
the mirror)*

Look at the chart and say the COLOUR not the word

YELLOW	BLUE	ORANGE
BLACK	RED	GREEN
PURPLE	YELLOW	RED
ORANGE	GREEN	BLACK
BLUE	RED	PURPLE
GREEN	BLUE	ORANGE

Left - Right Conflict

Your right brain tries to say the colour but
your left brain insists on reading the word.



A Rabbit.... Or A Duck?

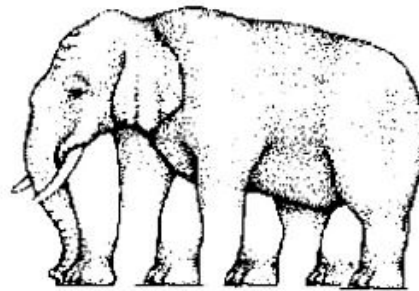
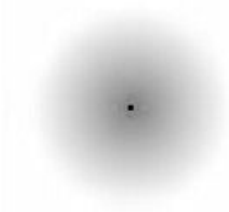
hint: the duck is looking left, the rabbit is looking right



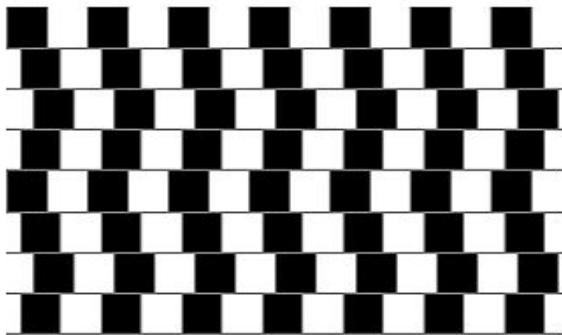
Man Playing Horn... Or Woman Silhouette?

(hint: woman's right eye is the black speck in front of horn handle)

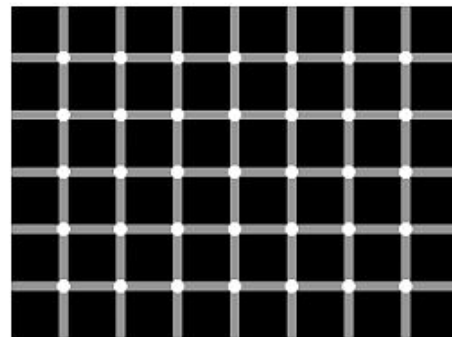
Keep staring at the black dot. After a while the gray haze around it will appear to shrink.



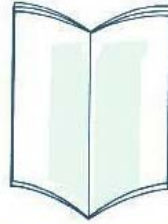
How many legs does this elephant have?



Are the horizontal lines parallel or do they slope?



Count the black dots! :o)



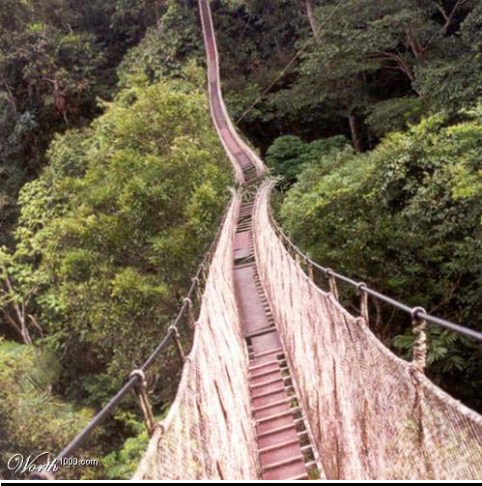
Is The Book Looking Towards You... Or Away From You?

Now here's a deal send this to atleast six people and a really cool optical illusion will pop up in ur screen in the next 2 minutes "Im telling you it is worth it"

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From a contest: "The Last Photo I ever took"





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Bad day at the Air Port





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Bad Day flying in Iraq





For those of you who fly

Occasionally, airline folks make an effort to make the "in-flight safety lecture" and their other announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

1. From a Southwest Airlines employee.... "There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane..."
2. Pilot-"Folks, we have reached our cruising altitude now, so I am going to switch the seat belt sign off. Feel free to move about as you wish, but please stay inside the plane till we land... it's a bit cold outside, and if you walk on the wings it affects the flight pattern."
3. After landing: "Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."
5. After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced: "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."
6. From a Southwest Airlines employee.... "Welcome aboard Southwest Flight XXX to YYY. To operate your seatbelt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seatbelt and if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised. In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, oxygen masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with two small children, decide now which one you love more."
7. Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but they'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you or your money more than Southwest Airlines."

8. "Your seat cushions can be used for flotation and in the event of an emergency water landing, please take them with our compliments."

9. "As you exit the plane, please make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

10. "Last one off the plane must clean it."

11. From the pilot during his welcome message: "We are pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry... Unfortunately none of them are on this flight...!"

12. Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas, on a particularly windy and bumpy day. During the final approach, the Captain was really having to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant came on the PA and announced, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo. Please remain in your seats with your seatbelts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"

13. Another flight Attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."

14. An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying XYZ airline." He said that in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally, everyone had gotten off except for this little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?" "Why no, Ma'am," said the pilot, "what is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"

15. After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the Flight Attendant came on with, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Captain Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt up against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal."

16. Part of a Flight Attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of us here at US Airways."

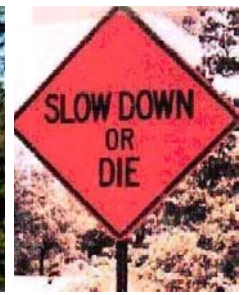
17. On a Value -Jet flight: "Sorry for the delay, but the machine that rips the handles off your luggage is down and we are having it repaired."

18. On Southwest: "For those of you who haven't been in an automobile since 1965, we will now explain how to use your seat belt."

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Road Signs







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Signs of the Times.

Friends don't let friends
take home ugly men

Women's restroom
Starboard, Dewey Beach, DE

Beauty is only a light switch away.

Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, NC

If life is a waste of time,
and time is a waste of life,
then let's all get wasted together
and have the time of our lives.

Armand's Pizza, Washington, DC

Remember, it's not,
"How high are you?"
it's "Hi, how are you?"

Rest stop off Route 81, West Virginia

Fighting for peace is like
screwing for virginity.

The Bayou, Baton Rouge, LO

No matter how good she looks,

some other guy is sick and tired
of putting up with her s...t.

Men's Room
Linda's Bar and Grill, Chapel Hill, NC

At the feast of ego
everyone leaves hungry.

Bentley's House of Coffee and Tea, Tucson, AZ

It's hard to make a comeback
when you haven't been anywhere.

Written in the dust on the back of a bus,
Wickenburg, AZ

Make love, not war.
-Hell, do both
GET MARRIED!

Women's restroom
The Filling Station, Bozeman, MT

If voting could really change things,
it would be illegal.

Revolution Books
New York, New York.

If pro is opposite of con, then what is the
opposite of progress? Congress!

Men's restroom House of Representatives,
Washington, DC

Express Lane:
Five beers or less

Sign over one of the urinals
Ed Debevic's, Phoenix, AZ

You're too good for him.

Sign over mirror in Women's restroom
Ed Debevic's, Beverly Hills, CA.

**A Woman's Rule of Thumb:
If it has tires or testicles,
you're going to have trouble with it.**

Women's restroom
Dick's Last Resort, Dallas, TX

Putting Things into Perspective

One of our online news services sent this to us.

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following:

There would be ~

57 Asians

70 would be non-Christian

21 Europeans

30 would be Christian

14 from the Western Hemisphere, north
& south

89 would be heterosexual

8 Africans

11 would be homosexual

52 would be female

6 people would possess 59% of the entire
world's wealth, and all 6 would be from the
United States

48 would be male

70 would be nonwhite

80 would live in substandard housing

30 would be white

70 would be unable to read

50 would suffer from malnutrition

1 would own a computer

1 would be near death

1 would be near birth

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education

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The following is also something to ponder...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness...you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation...you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a religious meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death...you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep...you are richer than 75% of this world!

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace...you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married...you are very rare, even more rare in the United States and Canada.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

Someone once said, what goes around, comes around. Work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt, dance like nobody's watching, sing like nobody's listening, live like it's Heaven on Earth.

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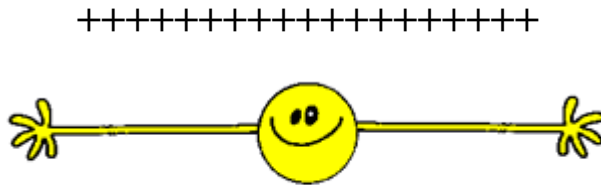
Can You Do This?

Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake.
The average person can't.

This is this cat
This is is cat
This is how cat
This is to cat
This is keep cat
This is a cat
This is dumbass cat
This is busy cat
This is for cat
This is forty cat
This is seconds cat

Now go back and read the THIRD word in each line from the top down.

Hey, don't get ticked at me, I fell for it too!



Well that's about it for this time. Have a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year. 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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