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** and <u>underlined</u> are links or navigation aids.)

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.

(Click on the Links below to navigate to that section of our newsletter.)

Membership Activity

<u>James A. Pratt</u> is a new member and has the dignity of General with the endorsement of Knight of the F-59 Connector. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is <u>jpratt@stny.rr.com</u> OITP General holds court with Time Warner Cable in Binghamton, NY and Chairman of SBE Chapter 1.

Roy Slocum is a new member and has the dignity of Commodore. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is **Roy.Slocum@ensequence.com**. OITP Commodore Slocum holds court at Ensequence, Inc. in Portland, OR as a Broadcast Systems Engineer.

Ralph Hogan is a new member and has the dignity of General with the endorsements of Knight of the Wooden Tower, Hip-pity-Hop Signal and F-59 Connector. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is **rhogan@wsu.edu**. OITP General Hogan holds court at Washington State University as the Assistant GM Engineering Services and will be receiving his certificate of membership and lapel pin shortly.

Brian Way is a new member and has the dignity of Brigadier with the endorsement of Knight of the Order Pad. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is **bway@ese-web.com**. OITP Brigadier Way holds court at ESE as a Vice President.

We're growing slowly, but surly. By the way, you may qualify for an up grade in dignity. Check it out on <u>our website</u> (this is a link), then contact your <u>Sagacious Pixel</u> to make it happen. And remember to check for any special endorsements for experience you may have in allied occupations. If you're certificate doesn't reflect your current dignity, it's time to get a new one – besides we could use the money.

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Links to previous editions are available on our the website; CLICK HERE to see them.

Our Website

Check out the number of visitors to our website: 8305 plus. Not as good as last month, but it's over 265 more new visitors since our last edition that have visited us. We're holding in at about this number every month. Remember: our counter only counts a visiting IP address once. **WWW.OITP.org**

From your Sagacious Pixel

Carry Gloomfield

NAB! Well this is what you've all been waiting for. We will have a get-to-gather at NAB. The good folks at ESE have graciously agreed to let us meet at their booth at NAB this year and pass out our most prestigious awards. Did you win one? Well show up and find out. The booth number is C2522 which is just inside to the right as you enter the main concourse. They are located a little bit behind the Harris booth. The Bash will take place at 5:30PM on Tuesday, April 20th. I will have lapel pins with me for sale, if anyone wants one. \$15.00 each – no tax (we're an Oregon LLC.)

The Road Show, A Taste of NAB 2004 has coming together very nicely. All OITP members who are crazy enough to attend will be recognized and commended for their bravery in surviving the broadcast industry at each of the venues. Check the schedule and join us. It will be both educational and fun. Click here for the itinerary. Sure would be nice to meet some of you folks out there and be sure to wear your lapel pin proudly. In addition to having lapel pins available on the Road Show, we have accumulated over \$7000.00 in door prizes for the business card drawing.

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Tetters from our fellow survivors

From: Cuz <u>cuz@well.com</u> Subject: The Newsletter #21

Dear your galaxyship:

Thanks for the newsletter. Can't say I study every word, but I always get something out of it. When you nail down the NAB plans, may I suggest that these be contained in the body of an e-mail? In these spam happy daze, lotta folks just strip off attachments or have some kind of attachment killer. Also there's fear of worms. And as you know better than I, Acrobat can sometimes take its sweet time to load before ya git to the content. Just a thought. Cordially,

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(Editor's note: It's above in the Sagacious Pixel remarks and we will send out an e-mail also.)

From: Chuck Pharis chuck@pharis-video.com

Subject: Indian Head Test Pattern

The photos and story are now on the site!

http://www.pharis-video.com/p4788.htm

Chuck



NEWS

From: Wayne Collins wcollins@fni.com

FYI: Have you heard of this pioneer? His invention was well known.

Joseph J. Zimmermann Jr., 92, who invented the telephone answering machine in 1948 and patented it a year later, died March 31 at a hospital in Brookfield, Wis. No cause of death was reported.

Mr. Zimmermann said in a 1949 interview with the Milwaukee Journal that he got the idea for the device when he could not afford to hire a secretary to take calls for his air-conditioning and heating company when he was out of the office.

The first machine, the Electronic Secretary Model R1, was made up of a box that lifted the telephone receiver from its cradle when the phone rang, a box containing a control panel with a 78 rpm record player inside that played a recorded greeting and a recorder on top of the second box for capturing a series of 30-second messages.

Mr. Zimmermann teamed with businessman and fellow engineer George W. Danner to start Electronic Secretary Industries, based in Waukesha, Wis. More than 6,000 answering machines were in use by 1957 when the pair sold the company and the patent rights to General Telephone Corp., which later became GTE.

"It's hard to imagine life without it," said John Lundstrom, curator of American and military history at the Milwaukee Public Museum. "He was an inventive genius, no doubt about it. He was one of the most important people in Milwaukee's history, and one who certainly affected the lives of people worldwide."

Joseph James Zimmermann Jr. was a native of Milwaukee and a 1935 electrical engineering graduate of Marquette University.

Besides the answering machine, Mr. Zimmermann owned dozens of other patents, covering such inventions as the security device that automatically dials a phone number and conveys information from one location to another during an emergency, a magnetic recorder used to monitor heart patients and a system used by airports to send out landing information to planes 24 hours a day.

Most of his ideas were developed in the basement of his homes in Milwaukee and most recently in Elm Grove, Wis.

Survivors include his wife, a son and two grandchildren.

Wayne Collins
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Surviving the Broadcast Industry

(Stories from today's broadcast engineers)

(**Editor's Note**: *Most of these contributors are not members of the OITP, but should be.*)

Fruit of a Different Color

From: James Snyder broadcastlist@dtvexpress.net

In 1996 I participated in one of the first nationwide tests of the newly-anointed ATSC digital TV transmission system. It involved generating a 1080i HD signal at Sarnoff Labs in Princeton, NJ, sending the bit stream via ATM landline to an uplink, transmission via satellite then down linking the signal at the former Washington International Teleport (WIT) in Springfield, VA and transmission via microwave to PBS HQ in Alexandria, VA for transmission via UHF experimental station WWHD-TV to the former ANA Hotel in Washington, DC (24th & M Sts. NW) where the PBS Advanced Television Field Test Project truck received the transmission via Zenith's "big blue rack" receiver and the video was sent over 150 feet of cable to a theatre in the hotel for viewing.

The transmission began with a close-up on the Grand Alliance "big blue racks" encoder. Actually, it was a close-up of a set of plastic bananas, painted blue, taped to the side of the Big Blue Racks. The camera then pulled out to the hosts of the transmission.

It got quite a chuckle....A few years later, in 1999, I was teaching DTV technologies on the Harris/PBS DTV Express, a 49 city, 15 month road tour to teach DTV and show off what it can do to industry professionals. On our tour bus which carried us from state to state we had a fruit bowl with a set of blue-painted plastic bananas amongst plastic apples, oranges, lemons, limes and cherries (all acquired from an Orange Julius stand in a mall in Baton Rouge, Louisiana). No signs, no labels, no markers: Just the bowl on the table.

Some of the old time engineers got the joke without asking. The tour members who were not engineers simply looked at us like we were insane. The tour bus driver ended up throwing the bananas away near the end of the tour because he was convinced we had painted real bananas blue and the paint smell was actually the bananas rotting under the paint.

Everything old is new again....Lastly, when I was working for the Advanced Television Test Center (ATTC) during Grand Alliance testing, one of the books making the rounds of the Test Center staff was Dr. George Brown's book, "And Part of Whick I Was....". It amazed those of us who read the book how closely the political, business and technical challenges that went into the creation of compatible color television matched the pressures all of us in the advanced television process were feeling at the time.

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Who's got the oldest AM, FM and TV transmitters still on the air as main transmitters?

For radio, we have been asking that question for some time. In Dec. 2003 we reported that the oldest transmitter we found in use as a main transmitter was a Gates BC-1T at WNAH-AM, Nashville. (http://beradio.com/ar/radio_shaping_radio_today_24/)

This transmitter was installed in 1960. I knew that there had to be an older unit out there, but no one was stepping forward. We ran the item to entice others to speak up, which is exactly what happened.

In the February issue, we updated our findings. WFLO-AM 870 (Farmville, VA) went on the air in August 1947. The station uses its original transmitter today, a Raytheon 1kW model RA-1000. (http://beradio.com/ar/radio_search_continues/)

If there's an older transmitter out there, let me know and we'll run an update.

We'll begin our search for the oldest FM transmitter in use as a main transmitter next.

Chriss Scherer, CSRE CBNT editor, Radio magazine

Odd Ocurrences

From: Scott Fybush scott@fybush.com

During the summer (which sounds awfully nice with 8" of snow on the ground here in upstate NY), I like to attend the very small-town minor league baseball (short-season class A NY-Penn League) games of the Batavia Muckdogs. Every time a foul ball goes flying over the stands into the parking lot, they play a quick SFX cart of glass shattering, followed by "So-and-so's Collision, 555-2345."

A lot of stations could learn a lesson from how well these guys sell every second of their games! (And at \$4 for a ticket and a buck for a hot dog, you can't beat the price, either...)

TV Station in the black

From: Herb Squire hsquire@dsirf.com

A TV station in the black for over 10 minute... not bad...

I recall a Saturday night in January 1981. It was during a major cold wave in New York City. I got a call from one of my old college friends. He was the PD for WNEW-TV Channel 5 in New York. He asked me if I was watching Channel 5. Figuring something was up; I asked if I should be watching. He mentioned I better not miss the programming that was on the air.

Now John wouldn't call me unless it was really exciting, so I went to the living room and turned on the TV. On Channel 5 was a digitally generated test pattern, nothing more, nothing less. I went back to the phone to find out the details on this exciting show.

To make a long story short, the microwave repeater between the 67th Street studios and the World Trade Center that was located on the roof of the Gulf and Western building had failed. Apparently the UPS had failed. There had been no power failure. There was no other alternate program path at that time. The test pattern came up after loss of video and sync.

The best part was the test pattern was on for about 90 minutes or so during prime time on a Saturday night!

Let's skip a head to the following Monday. John calls me at my Office at WHN. He reported that he just checked the overnight ratings for Saturday evening. I don't recall the exact numbers but the ratings were higher for the test pattern spectacular than they were for the same time period for the previous Saturday night with regularly scheduled programming!!

I see a new reality	format in the making	.Tonight's test pa	attern is brought to	you by	and the
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Just go look

http://www.google.com/jobs/lunar_job.html

This is one of the most beautiful tributes. It's just not pretty good ---- IT IS AWESOME! Turn up the volume! Click on here with your mouse! www.armedforcestribute.com/index.php

Picture of the Month

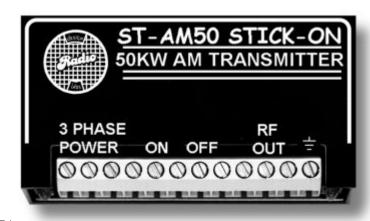


Some humor or attempts at it

(For those who don't like this section, now is the time to hit the delete key. There is at least one thing in here that is guaranteed to offend at least someone.)

Remember the Stick-ons?

So where do you feed the audio in?



Don't Get Mad, Get Even!!!

From: Stephanie Wilde <u>stephani@successjourney.com</u>

I must confess, there is but 1 person that some of these entered my mind about, & most of you that know me, know exactly who I'm referring to! :) Otherwise, this is terrible!

Garage Sale

Place an ad in the classified section of your local newspaper advertising a GIGANTIC Garage Sale listing the address of your victim. Advertise televisions, cam-corder, vintage automobile, antiques, etc. Sale begins at 6:00 a.m. all items in the backyard, just come around back and come early!

X-Rays at Airports

Purchase a large adult bedroom toy. Wrap it in a large amount of tin foil. Secretly hide it in a piece of the victims carry on luggage. As it goes through the airport x-ray machine the contents of the device will be shielded by the tin foil and will be unwrapped and inspected by airport security officials. An absolute classic...

Oil Spot

At night pour used oil underneath the victim's car while parked in the driveway. Pour enough that will be alarming. Continue to do this each night. The subject will spend great deals of money trying to get the oil leak repaired time and time again. I have even heard of a person buying a new car after the repeated attempts at repair. Imagine their surprise when that new car starts leaking too.

Flat Tire

Very similar to the Oil Spot, but with a twist. Let most of the air out of one of your victim's tires. Keep doing this each night, and watch as they call a tow truck or the Automobile Club day after day; Odd how those new tires keep losing air, too.

Paper Money

Write a sexually oriented solicitation message, victim's name and phone number (inviting a phone call) on the edge of several pieces of paper money before spending them. The victim will receive many eye popping inquiries. Another favorite...

Fax Machines

Write whatever you wish on 9 pages of 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper and tape them together (end to end). Dial the victim's fax number and start sending the pages through. After page two has been transmitted, tape the top of page 1 to the bottom of page 9 making a continuous loop. The document will continue to cycle until the victim's fax machine has run out of paper. Be sure and disable your phone number from being printed on the fax and also disable caller I.D. This prank is great to get even with a business or individual who has somehow cheated you. This can have same results as Oil Spot.

Dogs

Purchase a silent dog whistle. In the early hours of the morning (2am-4am) go near the victim's house and blow the silent whistle and the dog will begin to bark uncontrollably until the owner awakes and disciplines the animal. When the owner goes back to bed repeat the process again.

YOU MIGHT BE IN RADIO

From: Bill Bowin bbowin@nabco-inc.com

I can't take credit for this, but it's worth passing along:

96 Clues that tell you, YOU MIGHT BE IN RADIO IF...

- 1. you turn up the radio excitedly at the sound of dead air on your competitor's station.
- 2. you have 37 unlabeled 15 minute cassettes in your back seat.



- 3. you listen to the radio "inadvertently", turning up the volume during promos, sweepers, and talksets, and flipping to another station during music.
- 4. you visit the Northpine message board four times a day during work hours.
- 5. you drive around aimlessly looking for an unlighted 4 tower array just to see it.
- 6. you swear at the competition while driving when you hear a song they beat you to.
- 7. you've ever heard of a "cart".
- 8. you tell someone you plan to go to lunch "coming up next hour."
- 9. you have 125 unopened CDs you'll never listen to but, never more than \$3 cash.
- 10. you use phrases like "If I was programming the music, I would NEVER/ALWAYS/etc..."
- 11. you have lived in six cities in eight years.
- 12. ... you remember what "When you play it, say it!" means.
- 13. You get excited at sunset and drive by the towers just to hear the phase shift.
- 14. you know at just what mile marker a certain station will/will not come in.



- 15. you kicked the xmiter up to 50KW at night just so your friends to the south could hear you (even if it was just for a few minutes)...
- 16. you drive north/south/east/west just to get that certain station.
- 17. you drive a \$500.00 piece of crap while the sales weasels have \$50,000 Lexus.
- 18. You put up with it.
- 19. You find yourself talking to yourself all the time to see how you sound.
- 20. you base your trip plans on what stations you want to hear.
- 21. you get a memo about how to report overtime and you wonder which overtime is overtime.
- 22. two days off in a row is considered a "long weekend."
- 23. you can recite the five-day forecast from memory.
- 24. you forgot what kind you music you like, but instead like songs because they sound good after the jingle.
- 25. you work on holidays.
- 26. you have been listening to the football game for two hours and you don't know who's winning.
- 27. only you and one other person have worked at your business for more than a year.
- 28. you can tell what time it is when listening to the radio even if they don't give the time.
- 29. you have dozens of tapes of radio stations that play music you don't like.
- 30. you listen to a station that's barely coming in.
- 31. you tune in to a station before it signs on.
- 32. your maps are covered with circles and dots.
- 33. you are a "seasoned pro" after two years in the business.
- 34. you have a dozen radios, but you need them all.
- 35. you have copies of both the album version and radio edit.
- 36. you aren't a sports fan but you know who won and when they play next.

- 37. you see breaklogs in your sleep.
- 38. you have recurring nightmares about bad airshifts filled with dead air.
- 39. you know what dead air means.
- 40. you call Curly several times a day but never talk to him.
- 41. you interview the governor and drive off in a junker.
- 42. At Christmas dinner, you backsell the Christmas presents, explaining that "Unopened ones around the corner, stick around".
- 43. If you hear your competition using catch phrases and you pull over to the side of the road screaming, "That's mine Damnit." While your kids look at you as if you've finally snapped.
- 44. IF you tell your wife/gf ,"Coming up next hour We'll be hearing from the in-laws, we'll get you on top of some dinner...
- 45. If the first time you voice tracked a shift, you stayed up until 4am to catch every break...
- 46. If your boss misspelled your last name and called you Dennis for the first six months, and asked you how you like working at the country station when you worked at the hot AC next door...
- 47. You Go To Sleep And You Keep Hearing The Same Song Running Through You're head, That You've Played Every Hour And A half, During Your Shift.
- 48. You Keep Playing You're Best Phone Bites Over Every Day, For A Week.
- 49. You Loose The CD In The Studio, That Is To Be Played Next.
- 50. the Teenagers at Burger king Are Making More Money Than You Are.
- 51. You've had one or more of your discussion topics locked out by Jon.
- 52. during the winter months, 1000 feet of 18 gauge wire is prominently displayed commencing from your house, strung through your trees, and the next three adjacent neighbors trees.
- 53. your TV antenna is rusted, twisted and unsuitable for roosting sparrows, yet the RS-100 FM antenna and rotor is proudly displayed on a tower two times the height of the light pole in the street.
- 54. you keep an old 50 watt exciter in the basement just in case those bastards fire you, figuring you can jam their signal for a 14 block radius of downtown if necessary.

- 55. you know for a fact that a static choke produces nearly 300 feet of wire.
- 56. you have found that 7 inch reels of tape DO decay over time when stored in the garage.
- 57. while attempting to repair a broken phone, you figure out a way to telecommute and actually present the idea to your GM.
- 58. you talk about how much better your competition's webcast sounds over your stations actual broadcast.
- 59. You are replying to this message.
- 60. You are on the air every holiday.
- 61. You talk to friends in a "radio voice"
- 62. you have ever taped a boring conversation with someone and turned it into something funny.
- 63. you can post any ramp in your playlist, but can only sing the hooks from songs that are in your music promos.
- 64. you have a CD player in your car, but no tape deck, and are mad! (because you can't listen to your aircheck from that day)
- 65. you are well into your thirties and have been hit on by a 13 year old on the phone.
- 66. You hate everyone's favorite song because it doesn't have an intro
- 67. you think of your fantasy girl or guy is always someone in a band not a movie star
- 68. you actually own white cassette tapes.
- 69. you don't know how to introduce yourself at parties...Hi my name is, uh...
- 70. you know how long it takes you to take a dump by song title
- 71. two months ago when you worked at the car wash you could jog a mile without being out of breath and now it is tough for you to get from your car to the LazyBoy
- 72. you know what temperature it is.
- 73. you make your friends listen to airchecks and they have no idea what you are talking about
- 74. you refer to nighttime as "the weekend"
- 75. you don't assume DJs are attractive

- 76. when the CE left for the day you would tweak things.
- 77. when the hotline rings you break into a cold sweat.
- 78. your production/remote load exceeds your airshift & your friends ARE NOT in radio when they say you have it made working 4 hours (SOME 6+) a day just playing music.
- 79. you begin to like the music you are playing even though you have been faking it for years.
- 80. you can run to the can, drop a load while smoking a cigarette and make it back for the last 15 seconds of a 4 min. song.
- 81. you can still remember the name of the jock, who odds are has long since moved on, that first got you thinking about this as a career (mine was a guy named Michael J "Cookin' Keiser in the nighttime on KLSS-FM in Mason City, Iowa (1976).
- 82. you keep telling yourself, "this chick on the phone really might be hot...this could be the one;-)"
- 83. YOU MIGHT BE IN RADIO IF...said chick really is hot, and your one goal is to have sex under the tower in back (FM only, of course).
- 84. Every time you screw up the owner is listening and calls in to tell you how bad you are and he misses the 4 hours of dead air your idiot coworker had.
- 85. Your called 10 minutes before a shift starts and told you have to work it. (this is real convenient when you live 20 minutes out.
- 86. You can recite all the spots in a break.
- 87. The one time you need the power generator is the one day the electrician didn't have time to hook it up.
- 88. You have ever had to call a supervisor at 3 am.
- 89. You have ever had to call a supervisor more then once on the same day at 3 am
- 90. Your chief engineer has ever had to talk you through how to fix a transmitter from over a cell phone.
- 91. Your station decides to go to hell on a holiday weekend.
- 92. You recite Id's and sweepers and tag lines from different stations just to annoy your friends.
- 93. When your at home and you answer the phone and give the stations call letters.
- 94. You answer the phone and tell someone their caller #6

- 95. You do an airshift in your sleep.
- 96. On a holiday The assistant office manager, The weekend news anchor, the assistant chief engineer, the janitor, and the evening jock are working and your the only one at the station.

Floyd's Fair

From: Floyd Farrar farrfl@comcast.net

American Business Sense

A Japanese company and an American company decided to have a canoe race on the Missouri River. Both teams practiced long and hard to reach their peak performance before the race.

On the big day the Japanese won by a mile. Afterward, the American team became very discouraged and depressed. The American management decided the reason for the crushing defeat had to be found.

A Management Team made up of senior management was formed to investigate and recommend appropriate action. Their conclusion was the Japanese had 8 people rowing and 1 person steering, while the American team had 8 people steering and one person rowing.

So American management hired a consulting company and paid them an incredible amount of money. They advised that too many people were steering the boat, while not enough people were rowing.

To prevent losing to the Japanese again next year, the rowing team's management structure was totally reorganized to 4 steering supervisors, 3 area steering superintendents and 1 assistant superintendent steering manager. They also implemented a new performance system that would give the 1 person rowing the boat greater incentive to work harder.

It was called the "Rowing Team Quality First Program", with meetings, dinners and free pens for the rower. Even new paddles and medical benefit incentives were promised for a winner. We must give the rower the empowerment and enrichments through this quality program.

The next year the Japanese won by two miles. Humiliated, the American management laid off the rower for poor performance, halted development of a new canoe, sold the paddles, and cancelled all capital investments for new equipment.

The money saved was distributed to the senior executives as bonuses.





MEMORIES More from Floyd

(I know, one more Memory treatment- but this one is very good) It is a bit long but it does rhyme-

A little house with three bedrooms and one car on the street, A mower that you had to push to make the grass look neat.

In the kitchen on the wall we only had one phone. No need for recording things, someone was always home.

We only had a living room where we would congregate, Unless it was at mealtime in the kitchen where we ate.

We had no need for family rooms or extra rooms to dine, When meeting as a family those two rooms would work out fine.

We only had one TV set, and channels maybe two, But always there was one of them with something worth the view.

For snacks we had potato chips that tasted like a chip, And if you wanted flavor there was Lipton's onion dip.

Store-bought snacks were rare because my mother liked to cook, And nothing can compare to snacks in Betty Crocker's book.

The snacks were even healthy with the best ingredients, No labels with a hundred things that make not a bit of sense.

Weekends were for family trips or staying home to play, We all did things together -- even go to church to pray.

When we did our weekend trips depending on the weather, No one stayed at home because we liked to be together.

Sometimes we would separate to do things on our own, But we knew where the others were without our own cell phone.

Then there were the movies with your favorite movie star, And nothing can compare to watching movies in your car.

Then there were the picnics at the peak of summer season, Pack a lunch and find some trees and never need a reason.

Get a baseball game together with all the friends you know,

Have real action playing ball -- and no game video.

Remember when the doctor used to be the family friend, And didn't need insurance or a lawyer to defend?

The way that he took care of you or what he had to do, Because he took an oath and strived to do the best for you.

Remember going to the store and shopping casually, And when you went to pay for it you used your own money?

Nothing that you had to swipe or punch in some amount, Remember when the cashier person had to really count?

Remember when we breathed the air; it smelled so fresh and clean, And chemicals were not used on the grass to keep it green.

The milkman used to go from door to door, And it was just a few cents more than going to the store.

There was a time when mailed letters came right to your door, Without a lot of junk mail ads sent out by every store.

The mailman knew each house by name and knew where it was sent; There were not loads of mail addressed to "present occupant."

Remember when the words "I do" meant that you really did, And not just temporarily 'til someone blows their lid.

T'was no such thing as "no one's fault; we just made a mistake," There was a time when married life was built on give and take.

There was a time when just one glance was all that it would take, And you would know the kind of car, the model and the make.

They didn't look like turtles trying to squeeze out every mile; They were streamlined, white walls, fins, and really had some style.

One time the music that you played whenever you would jive, Was from a vinyl, big-holed record called a forty-five.

The record player had a post to keep them all in line, And then the records would drop down and play one at a time.

Oh sure, we had our problems then, just like we do today,

And always we were striving, trying for a better way.

And every year that passed us by brought new and greater things, We now can even program phones with music or with rings.

Oh, the simple life we lived still seems like so much fun, How can you explain a game, just kick the can and run?

And why would boys put baseball cards between bicycle spokes, And for a nickel red machines had little bottled Cokes?

This life seemed so much easier and slower in some ways, I love the new technology but I sure miss those days.

So time moves on and so do we, and nothing stays the same, But I sure love to reminisce and walk down memory lane.

Burt's Humor

From: Burt I. Weiner biwa@earthlink.net

I must tell you this story:

Many moons ago when I was building KUTE, 101.9 MHz in the channel 28 building on Mt. Wilson



I had to deal with an electrician and work in front of 28's STL antenna. We had to run power for de-icers as well as a 7/8" line across and above the fiberglass window that 28's STL looked through. I had warned the electrician that he could not block any of the dish's view as that would put the TV station off the air. He and his crew understood and the work was completed without incident.

When they were finished they showed me where they had run the lines, about 1 foot above the edge of the microwave opening, well out of the way. They asked me if the location was ok? I told them it looked ok but we'd best check. I turned on a TV monitor that was close by and rolled

the vertical down allowing us to see the VITS. I pointed to the VITS and said, "There's the pipes but they're pretty far up out of the picture so I think it will be ok."

They were impressed.

About Shane Fergurson: Los Angeles had a desert version of the Catskills called Murietta Hot Springs with mud baths and water that smelled like rotten eggs. When you would have a phone call it was a very big deal because it was long distance and the clerk would call you on the loud speaker. "Telephone call for Abe Gitlin," etc.

One day everyone was surprised by an announcement, "Telephone call for Shane Ferguson. Telephone call for Shane Ferguson." Several people went to the front desk to get a look at Shane Ferguson and were even more curious when an old Jewish gentleman responded to the paging.

After his call, one of the budinskies asked the man how he came to be named Shane Ferguson. Shane replied that his name in the old country was Mottle Rosenschwieg. "My uncle, who was in America 10 years before me, told me to tell immigration that my name was Morris Rose. I practiced saying my new name for the entire trip on the boat. I asked the American sailors to say it for me and learned to pronounce it. I was standing in line at the immigration for two hours, worrying about everything, when the officer finally asked me my name, I said, "Schane fergessen", which is Yiddish for 'I forgot already'. So that's what the immigration man wrote.

And Now, How to survive a heart attack alone:

If everyone who gets this sends it to 10 people, you can bet that we'll save at least one life.

Let's say it's 6: 15 PM and you're driving home (alone of course), after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated.

Suddenly, you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home; unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far. What can you do? You've been trained in CPR but the guy that taught the course neglected to tell you how to perform it on yourself.

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article seemed to be in order. Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough. The cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. And a cough must be repeated about every 2 seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

Tell as many other people as possible about this, it could save their lives!

From Health Cares, Rochester General Hospital via Chapter 240s newsletter AND THE BEAT GOES ON . . (reprint from The Mended Hearts, Inc. publication, Heart Response)

BE A FRIEND AND PLEASE SEND THIS ARTICLE TO AS MANY FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE.

The Indian

An Indian walks into a cafe with a shotgun in one hand and a bucket of buffalo manure in the other. He says to the waiter, "Me want coffee." The waiter says, "Sure chief, coming right up." He gets the Indian a tall mug of coffee, and the Indian drinks it down in one gulp, picks up the bucket of manure, throws it into the air, blasts it with the shotgun, then just walks out.

The next morning the Indian returns. He has his shotgun in one hand and a bucket of buffalo manure in the other. He walks up to the counter and says to the waiter, "Me want coffee." The waiter says, "Whoa, Tonto. We're still cleaning up your mess from the last time you were here. What the heck was all that about, anyway?"

The Indian smiles and proudly says, "Me training for upper management position: Come in, drink coffee, shoot sh..t, leave mess for others to clean up, disappear for rest of day.

Long Term Care

I'll take the "New Holiday Inn Long Term Care Plan"

With the average cost for a Nursing Home per day reaching \$188.00, there is a better way when we get old & feeble. I have already checked on reservations at the Holiday Inn for a combined long term stay discount and senior discount of \$49.23 per night. That leaves \$138.77 a day for:

- 1. Breakfast, lunch and dinner in any restaurant I want, or room-service.
- 2. Laundry, gratuities and special TV movies. Plus, they provide a swimming pool, a workout room, a lounge, washer, dryer,etc. Most have free toothpaste and razors, and all have free shampoo and soap.
- 3. They treat you like a customer, not a patient. \$5 worth of tips a day will have the entire staff scrambling to help you.
- 4. There is a city bus stop out front, and seniors ride free. The Handicap bus will also pick you up (if you fake a decent limp). To meet other nice people, call a Church bus on Sundays. For a change of scenery, take the Airport shuttle Bus and eat at one of the nice restaurants there. While you're at the airport, fly somewhere. Otherwise the cash keeps building up.
- 5. It takes months to get into decent nursing homes. Holiday Inn will take your reservation today. And you are not stuck in one place forever, you can move from Inn to Inn, or even from city to city.
- 6. Want to see Hawaii? They have a Holiday Inn there too.
- 7. TV broken? Light bulbs need changing? Need a mattress replaced? No problem. They fix everything, and apologize for the inconvenience. The Inn has a night security person and daily room



service. The maid checks to see if you are ok. If not, they will call the undertaker or an ambulance. If you fall and break a hip, Medicare will pay for the hip, and Holiday Inn will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life.

8. And no worries about visits from family. They will always be glad to find you, and probably check in for a few days mini-vacation. The grandkids can use the pool. What more can you ask for?

So: When I reach the Golden age I'll face it with a grin Just forward all my email to: me@Holidayme@HolidayInn.

Where do pets come from?

A newly discovered chapter in the Book of Genesis has provided the answer to "Where do pets come from?"

Adam and Eve said, "Lord, when we were in the garden, you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you any more. We are lonesome here, and it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us."

And God said, "No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve.

And it was a good animal.

And God was pleased.

And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve and he wagged his tail.

And Adam said, "Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal."

And God said, "No problem. Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG." And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them.

And they were comforted.

And God was pleased.

And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks and they believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved, but perhaps too well."

And God said, "No problem! I will create for them a companion who will be with them forever and who will see them as they are. The companion will remind them of their limitations, so they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration."

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve.

And Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat's eyes, they were reminded that they were not the supreme beings.

And Adam and Eve learned humility. And they were greatly improved. And God was pleased. And Dog was happy.

And Cat didn't give a damn one way or the other.

Alternate tax payment method...

There was a man who computed his taxes for 2002 and discovered that he owed \$3407. He packaged up his payment and included this letter:

Dear IRS:

Enclosed is my 2002 Tax Return & payment. Please take note of the attached article from the USA Today newspaper. In the article, you will see that the Pentagon is paying \$171.50 for hammers and NASA has paid \$600.00 for a toilet seat.

Please find enclosed four toilet seats (value \$2400) and six hammers (value \$1029). This brings my total payment to \$3429.00. Please note the overpayment of \$22.00 and apply it to the "Presidential Election Fund," as noted on my return.

Might I suggest you the send the above mentioned fund a "1.5 inch screw." (See attached article...HUD paid \$22.00 for a 1.5 inch Phillips Head Screw.)

It has been a pleasure to pay my tax bill this year, and I look forward to paying it again next year.

Sincerely, A satisfied taxpayer

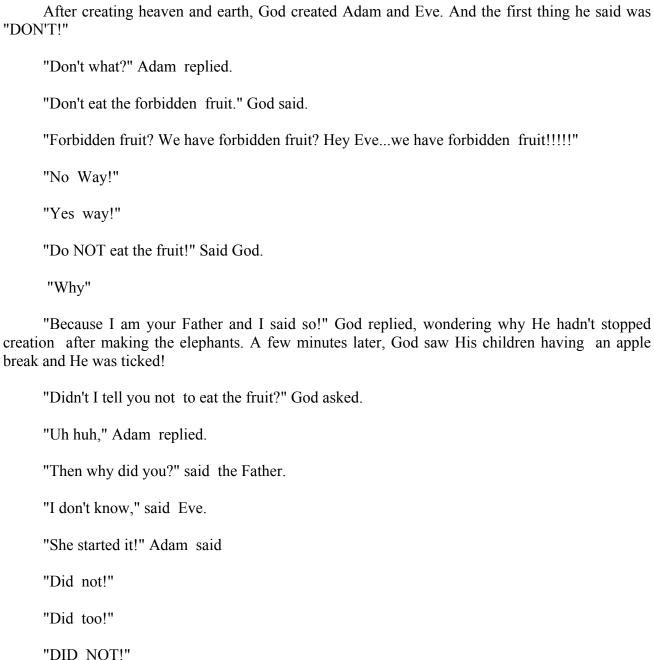


WHY GOD CREATED CHILDREN (AND IN THE PROCESS GRANDCHILDREN)

To those of us who have children in our lives, whether they are our own, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or students...here is something to make you chuckle.

Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children.

After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. And the first thing he said was "DON'T!"



Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.

I told you it was true!

Quotable Quotes

Question: If you could live forever, would you and why? Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever,"

- -- Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss U.S.A. contest.
- "Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."
- -- Mariah Carey, singer
- "Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life,"
- -- Brooke Shields, during an interview to become Spokesperson for the Federal Anti-smoking Campaign.
- "I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,"
- -- Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky Basketball Forward.
- "Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,"
- -- Marion Barry, Mayor of Washington, D.C.
- "I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the President."
- -- Hillary Clinton commenting on the release of subpoenaed documents.
- "That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it,"
- -- A U.S. congressional candidate in Texas.
- "Half this game is ninety percent mental."
- -- Danny Ozark, manager of Philadelphia Phillies
- "It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."
- -- former U.S. Vice President Al Gore
- " It's no exaggeration to say that the undecideds could go one way or another"
- -- George W. Bush, U.S. President
- "I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix."
- -- former U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle

- "We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?"
- -- former president of American Motors, Lee Iacocca

"I was provided with additional input that was radically different from the truth. I assisted in furthering that version."

-- Colonel Oliver North, from his Iran-Contra testimony.

"The word "genius" isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

-- Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback &! sports analyst.

"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people."

-- Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor.

"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure."

-- former U.S.. President Bill Clinton,

"We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not! occur."

-- former U.S. Vice President Al Gore

"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas."

-- Keppel Enderbery

"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992, because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

-- State Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina

"If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there'll be a record."

-- Mark S. Fowler, former Federal Communications Commission Chairman

Good advice....

A man went to see his Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

"So what could be the trouble?" asked the Rabbi.

"My wife is poisoning me," replied the man.

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asked, "How can that be?"

The man then pleaded. "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me, what should I do?"



"Tell you what," said the Rabbi. "Let me talk to her. I'll see what I can find out and let you know."

A week later the Rabbi called the man. "Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?"

"Yes," replied the man anxiously.

"Take the poison," said the Rabbi.

That's it for this time, Burt I. Weiner Burt I. Weiner Associates Broadcast Technical Services Glendale, California U.S.A. biwa@earthlink.net K6OQK



NEW MEDAL

I bet you know more than 1 person deserving this honor!



(Pain in the Ass)

Service with a Smile

From: Joy Tunick Joy@tech-notes.tv

At one time in my life, I thought I had a handle on the meaning of the word "service:" "The act of doing things for other people."

Then I heard the terms:

- Internal Revenue Service
- Postal Service
- Telephone Service
- Civil Service
- City/County Public Service
- Customer Service
- Service Stations

I became confused about the word "service." This is not what I thought "service" meant.

Then today, I overheard two farmers talking and one of them mentioned that he was having a bull over to "service" a few of his cows.

SHAZAM! It all came into perspective. Now I understand what all those "service" agencies are doing to us.



Fast Divorce

From: bill.c.bean@exgate.tek.com

A married couple is driving along a highway doing 60mph, the wife behind the wheel. Her husband suddenly looks over at her and says, "Honey, I know we've been married for 20 years, but I want a divorce."

The wife says nothing but slowly increases speed to 70 mph.

He then says, "I don't want you to try to talk me out of it, because I've been having an affair with your best friend, and she's a better lover than you are."

Again the wife stays quiet but speeds up as her anger increases.

"I want the house," he insists, pressing his luck. Again the wife speeds up, to eighty mph.

He says, "I want the car, too," but she just drives faster and faster.

By now she's up to ninety mph. "All right," he says, "I want the bank accounts, and all the credit cards, too."

The wife slowly starts to veer toward a bridge.

This makes him a bit nervous, so he says, "Isn't there anything you want?"

The wife says, "No, I've got everything I need."

"Oh, really," he says, "so what have you got?"

Right before they slam into the wall at a 100 mph, the wife smiles and says, "The airbag."

From Texas - excellent

From: Sue Clark sclark@core.com

I wonder why I never thought about this back in my younger, hard drinkin' days.

From the state where drinking and driving is considered a sport, comes a true story from Texas.

Recently, a routine police patrol parked outside a local neighborhood bar. Late in the evening the officer noticed a man leaving the bar so intoxicated that he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes with the officer quietly observing. After what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five different vehicles, the man managed to find his own car which he fell into. He was there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off. Finally he started the car, switched the wipers on and off (it was a dry night), flicked the hazard flasher on and off, tooted the horn and then switched on the lights. He moved the vehicle forward a few inches, reversed a little and then remained stationary for a few more minutes as more patrons left in their vehicles. At last he pulled out of the parking lot and started to drive slowly down the street.

The police officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up his patrol car, put on the flashing lights, promptly pulled the man over and carried out a breathalyzer test. To his amazement the breathalyzer indicated no evidence of the man having consumed alcohol at all!

Dumbfounded, the officer said, "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the Police station. This breathalyzer equipment must be broken."

"I doubt it," said the man, "tonight I'm the designated decoy."

More From: Sue Clark

The Irish

"WATER TO WINE"

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?"

"Just water," says the priest.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"

The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

"THE BROTHEL"

Two Irishmen were sitting a pub having beer and watching the brothel across the street. They saw a Baptist minister walk into the brothel, and one of them said, "Aye, 'tis a shame to see a man of the cloth goin' bad." Then they saw a rabbi enter the brothel, and the other Irishman said, "Aye, 'tis a shame to see that the Jews are fallin' victim to temptation." Then they saw a catholic priest enter the brothel, and one of the Irishmen said, "What a terrible pity... one of the girls must be quite ill."

"LOST AT SEA"

Two Irishmen, Patrick & Michael, were adrift in a lifeboat following a dramatic escape from a burning freighter. While rummaging through the boat's provisions, Patrick stumbled across an old lamp. Secretly hoping that a genie would appear, he rubbed the lamp vigorously. To the amazement of Patrick, a genie came forth. This particular genie, however, stated that he could only deliver one wish, not the standard three. Without giving much thought to the matter, Patrick blurted out, "Make the entire ocean into Guinness Beer!" The genie clapped his hands with a deafening crash, and immediately the entire sea turned into the finest brew ever sampled by mortals. Simultaneously, the genie vanished. Only the gentle lapping of Guinness on the hull broke the stillness as the two men considered their circumstances. Michael looked disgustedly at Patrick whose wish had been granted. After a long, tension-filled moment, he spoke, "Nice going Patrick! Now we're going to have to pee in the boat."

"IRISH PRAYER"

Murphy was staggering home with a pint of booze in his back pocket when he slipped and fell heavily. Struggling to his feet, he felt something wet running down his leg.

"Please Lord," he implored, "let it be blood!!"

"YOU'VE BEEN OUT DRINKING AGAIN"

An Irishman had been drinking at a pub all night. The bartender finally said that the bar is closing. So the Irishman stood up to leave and fell flat on his face. He tried to stand one more time; same result. He figured he would crawl outside and get some fresh air and maybe that would sober him up. Once outside, he stood up and fell on his face again. So he decided to crawl the four blocks home. When he arrived at the door he stood up and fell flat on his face. He crawled through the door and into his bedroom. When he reached his bed he tried one more time to stand up. This time he managed to pull himself upright, but he quickly fell right into the bed and was sound asleep as soon as his head hit the pillow.

He was awakened the next morning to his wife standing over him, shouting, "SO YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING AGAIN!"

Putting on an innocent look, and intent on bluffing it out he said, "What makes you say that?"

"The pub just called; you left your wheelchair there again."



Speed

A little Cajun boy was sitting on the curb with a gallon of turpentine and shaking it up and watching all the bubbles. A little while later a Priest came along and asked the little boy what he had. The little boy replied, "This is the most powerful liquid in the world, it's called turpentine."

The Priest said, "No, the most powerful liquid in the world is Holy Water. If you take some of this Holy Water and rub it on a pregnant women's belly, she'll pass a healthy baby." The little boy replied, "You take some of this here turpentine and rub it on a cat's bottom and he'll pass a Harley Davidson "



Giving

From: JIM WELMAN welmansmtn@oregonfast.net

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner. The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.



"Will you use it to gamble instead of buying food?" the man asked. "No, I don't gamble," the homeless man said. "I need everything I can get just to stay alive."

"Will you spend the on greens fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asked. "Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!"

"Will you spend the money on a woman in the red light district instead of food?" the man asked. "What disease would I get for ten lousy bucks?!!" exclaimed the homeless man.

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?" I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting."

The man replied, "That's okay. I just want her to see what a man looks like who's given up beer, gambling, golf, and sex

New Words

From: Charlene Wilson **pjcwilson@yahoo.com**

The Washington Post's Style Invitational once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are the 2003 winners:

Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stop bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

Foreploy: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.

Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.

Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)

Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like a serious bummer.

Decafalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

Glibido: All talk and no action.

Dopeler effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Arachnoleptic fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating. .

Some Pratt-cal Things

From: Jim Pratt **ipratt@stny.rr.com**

ACTUAL ANSWERING MACHINE Messages

- * My wife and I can't come to the phone right now, but if you'll leave your name and number, we'll get back to you as soon as we're finished.
- * Hello, you are talking to a machine. I am capable of receiving messages. My owners do not need siding, windows or a hot tub, and their carpets are clean. They give to charity at the office and don't need their picture taken. If you're still with me, leave your name and home phone number and they will get back to you.
- * This is not an answering machine this is a telepathic thought-recording device. After the tone, think about your name, your number, and your reason for calling. . . and I'll think about returning your call.



- * Hi! John's answering machine is broken. This is his refrigerator. Please speak very slowly, and I'll stick your message to myself with one of those little magnets.
- * Hi. This is John: If you are the phone company, I already sent the money. If you are my parents, please send money. If you are my bank, you didn't lend me enough money. If you are my friends, you owe me money. If you are a female, don't worry, I have LOTS of money.
- * A is for academics, B is for beer. One of those reasons is why we're not here. So, leave a message.
- * Hello! If you leave a message, I'll call you soon. If you leave a "sexy" message, I'll call sooner.
- * Hi. Now YOU say something.
- * Hi. I'm probably home, I'm just avoiding someone I don't like. Leave me a message, and if I don't call back, it's you.
- * Hello, you've reached Jim and Sonya. We can't pick up the phone right now, because we're doing something we really enjoy. Sonya likes doing it up and down, and I like doing it left to right. . .real slowly. So leave a message, and when we're done brushing our teeth, we'll call you back.

Church Bulletins

Actual announcements taken from church bulletins:

- * Don't let worry kill you, let the church help.
- * Thursday night, potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- * Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- * For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- * The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- * This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- * Tuesday at 4:00 pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- * Wednesday, the ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me in My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.

- * Thursday at 5:00 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.
- * This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- * The service will close with "Little Drops of Water". One of the ladies will start, and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- * Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.
- * The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday.
- * A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- * At the evening service tonight, the topic will be "What is Hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Memphis Test

There are 29 questions about things we see every day or have known about all our lives. How many can you get right? These little simple questions are harder than you think--it just shows you how little we pay attention to the common place things of life. Put your thinking caps on.

Mind teasers of COMMON KNOWLEDGE. No cheating! No looking around! No using anything on or in your desk or computer!

Can you beat 20?? (The average is 7) Write down your answers and check answers (on the bottom) AFTER completing all the questions. REMEMBER - NO CHEATING!!!.

LET'S JUST SEE HOW OBSERVANT YOU REALLY ARE.

- 1. On a standard traffic light, is the green on the top or bottom?
- 2. How many states are there? (Don't laugh, some people don't know)
- 3. In which hand is the Statue of Liberty's torch?
- 4. What six colors are on the classic Campbell's soup label?
- 5. What two letters don't appear on the telephone dial? (No cheating!)
- 6. What two numbers on the telephone dial don't have letters by them?

- 7. When you walk does your left arm swing w/your right or left leg?
- 8. How many matches are in a standard pack?
- 9. On the United States flag is the top stripe red or white?
- 10. What is the lowest number on the FM dial?
- 11. Which way does water go down the drain, counter or clockwise?
- 12. Which way does a "no smoking" sign's slash run?
- 13. How many channels on a VHF TV dial?
- 14. Which side of a women's blouse are the buttons on?
- 15. On a NY license plate, is New York on the top or bottom?
- 16. Which way do fans rotate?
- 17. Whose face is on a dime?
- 18. How many sides does a stop sign have?
- 19. Do books have even-numbered pages on the right or left side?
- 20. How many lug nuts are on a standard car wheel?
- 21. How many sides are there on a standard pencil?
- 22. Sleepy, Happy, Sneezy, Grumpy, Dopey, Doc. Who's missing?
- 23. How many hot dog buns are in a standard package?
- 24. On which playing card is the card maker's trademark?
- 25. On which side of a Venetian blind is the cord that adjusts the opening between the slats?
- 26. On the back of a \$1 bill, what is in the center?
- 27. There are 12 buttons on a touch tone phone. What 2 symbols bear no digits?
- 28. How many curves are there in the standard paper clip?
- 29. Does a merry-go-round turn counter or clockwise?



Don't look at answers below until you complete all the questions

16. clockwise as you look at it 1. Bottom 2. 50 (please tell me you got this one!) 17. Roosevelt 3 Right 18.8 4. Blue, red, white, yellow, black, &gold 19. Left 5. O, Z 20.5 6.1, !021 6 7. Right 22. Bashful 8. 20 23.8 9. Red 24. Ace of spades 10.88 25. Left 11. Counter (north of the equator) 26. ONE 12. Towards bottom right 27. *, #

28.3 13. 12 (no #1) 14. Left 29 Counter

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HEAVEN VS. HELL

While walking down the street one day a US senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies.

His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

"Welcome to heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in," says the man.

"Well, I'd like to but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

"Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven," says the senator.

"I'm sorry but we have our rules."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a club and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him. Everyone is very happy and in evening dress.

They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at expense of the people.

They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that, before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises..

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit heaven."

So, 24 hours pass with the head of state joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

"Well then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity."

The senator reflects for a minute, then the senator answers: "Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage.

He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder.

"I don't understand," stammers the senator. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and club, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now all there is is a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil looks at him, smiles and says,

"Yesterday we were campaigning..... Today you voted for us!"

"I have come to the conclusion that one useless man is called a disgrace, that two are called a law firm, and that three or more become a congress."

John Adams, May 8, 1776

Ice fishing with God

A drunk decides to go ice fishing, so he gathers his gear and goes walking around until he finds a big patch of ice. He heads into the center of the ice and begins to saw a hole. All of sudden, a loud booming voice comes out of the sky.

"You will find no fish under that ice."

The drunk looks around, but sees no one. He starts sawing again. Once more, the voice speaks.

"As I said before, there are no fish under the ice."

The drunk looks all around, high and low, but can't see a single soul. He picks up the saw and tries one more time to finish. Before he can even start cutting, the huge voice interrupts.

"I have warned you three times now. There are no fish!"

The drunk is now flustered and somewhat scared, so he asks the voice, "How do you know there are no fish? Are you God trying to warn me?"

"No", the voice replied. "I am the manager of this hockey rink."

Man of the House

A husband had finished a book about being the "Man of the House" by the time he reached his home. All charged up he stormed into his house and walked directly up to his wife. Pointing and shaking a finger in her face, he said, "From now on, I want you to know that I am the man of this house, and my word is law!" "I demand that you prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, I expect a sumptuous dessert afterward!". "Then, after dinner, you're going to rub my tired feet and draw me my bath so I can relax"."I will be expecting you to bring me martinis while I soak in the tub!" "And, when I'm finished with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?"

"The funeral director," she replied.

Until next time, keep in good humor, Jim



Some Wacky Definitions

- SALESMAN—man with ability to convince wife she'd look fat in mink.
- CANNIBAL—person who likes to see other people stewed.
- EGOCENTRIC—a person who believes he is everything you know you are.
- MAGAZINE—bunch of printed pages that tell you what's coming in the next issue.
- COLLEGE: The four-year period when parents are permitted access to the telephone.
- EMERGENCY NUMBERS: Police station, fire department and places that deliver.
- OPERA: When a guy gets stabbed in the back and instead of bleeding he sings.

- BUFFET: A French word that means "Get up and get it yourself."
- BABY-SITTER: A teen-ager who must behave like an adult so that the adults who are out can behave like teen-agers.
- TRAFFIC LIGHT—apparatus that automatically turns red when your car approaches.
- PIONEER—early American who was lucky enough to find his way out of the woods.
- PEOPLE—some make things happen, some watch things happen, and the majority have no idea what's happened.
- SWIMMING POOL—a mob of people with water in it.
- SELF-CONTROL—the ability to eat only one peanut.
- TATTOO: Permanent proof of temporary insanity.

Chocolate Laughs: Chocolate is a Vegetable, Chocolate is derived from cacao beans. Bean = vegetable.

Sugar is derived from either sugar CANE or sugar BEETS. Both are plants, which places them in the vegetable category. Thus, chocolate is a vegetable.

To go one step further, chocolate candy bars also contain milk, which is dairy. So candy bars are a health food.

Chocolate-covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

If you've got melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

The problem: How to get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car. The solution: Eat it in the parking lot.

Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite, and you'll eat less.

If I eat equal amounts of dark chocolate and white chocolate, is that a balanced diet? Don't they actually counteract each other?

Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger. Therefore, you need to eat more chocolate. Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done. A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Now, isn't that handy?

If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?

If not for chocolate, there would be no need for control top pantyhose. An entire garment industry would be devastated. You can't let that happen, can you?

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This is for real!

I think I may have seen it all now...

What you see here are not see-thru skirts. They are actually prints on the skirts to make it look as if the panties are visible these are the and current rage in Japan. They'll be the rage here in the USA soon . :-)





Why Math is Taught in School

From: Jerry Mathis thebeaver 32@hotmail.com

I was riding to work yesterday when I observed a female driver cut right in front of a pickup truck, causing him to have to drive on to the shoulder to avoid hitting her. This evidently angered the driver enough that he hung his arm out his window and "flipped" the woman off.

"Man, that guy is stupid," I thought to myself. I ALWAYS smile nicely and wave in a sheepish manner whenever a female does anything to me in traffic, and here's why:

I drive 48 miles each way every day to work. That's 96 miles each day. Of these, 16 miles each way is bumper-to-bumper. Most of the bumper-to-bumper is on an 8 lane highway. There are 7 cars every 40 feet for 32 miles. That works out to be 982 cars every mile, or 31,424 cars. Even though the rest of the 32 miles is not bumper-to-bumper, I figure I pass at least another 4000 cars. That brings the number to something like 36,000 cars that I pass every day. Statistically, females drive half of these. That's 18,000 women drivers!

In any given group of females, 1 in 28 has PMS. That's 642. According to Cosmopolitan, 70% describe their love life as dissatisfying or unrewarding. That's 449. According to the National Institute of Health, 22% of all females have seriously considered suicide or homicide. That's 98. And 34% describe men as their biggest problem. That's 33.

According to the National Rifle Association, 5% of all females carry weapons, and this number is increasing. That means that EVERY SINGLE DAY, I drive past at least one female that has a lousy love life, thinks men are her biggest problem, has seriously considered suicide or homicide, has PMS, and is armed.

Flip one off? I think not...Jerry Mathis -- LifeTalk Radio

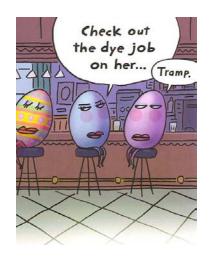
Spy meets Spy – Al-Queda Style

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Two Al Queda spies meet in a bar in downtown Miami. One starts to greet the other in Arabic, their native language. The other waves him off contemptuously and says: "We're in America now, speak Spanish.

Golf is a game invented by the same people who think music comes out of a bagpipe. ~Author Unknown

Parting Thoughts









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

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