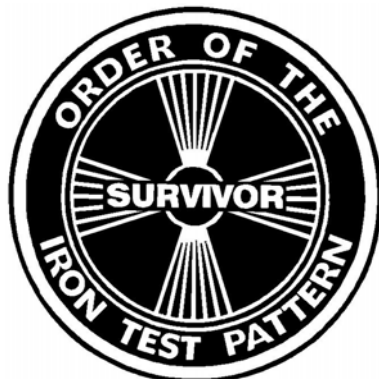


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News! When it happens you'll see it happen, even if we have to make it happen!

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

(Things printed in **blue type** and **underlined** 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.

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Membership Activity

Jim Mattison is a new member and has the dignity of Monochrome Mogul with the endorsement of Knight of the Order Pad. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is **jrmattison@aol.com**. Monochrome Mogul Mattison holds court with Rio Radio Supply, Inc. in McAllen, TX and will be receiving his certificate of membership as soon as we get back to our offices and off the Road Show.

William E. Schwartz is a new member and has the dignity of Admiral. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is Schwarb@dbu.edu or bill_schwartz@WEU.PBS.ORG. OITP Admiral Schwarz holds court at WCEU-TV as Director of Engineering, in Daytona Beach, FL. and will be receiving his certificate of membership and lapel pin as soon as we get back to our offices and off the Road Show. If we see him on the Road Show, we'll deliver the lapel pin in person. OITP Admiral Schwarz's certificate will have the endorsements of Knight of the F-59 Connector on it for his work in cable TV and Knight of the Final Amplifier for his work with transmitters.



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Our Website

Check out the number of visitors to our website: 8620plus. That's over 315 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

Larry Bloomfield

Order of the Iron Test Pattern at NAB 2004.

We met on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 and were hosted by ESE and new member, Brigadier Brian Way.

Your Sagacious Pixel, Larry Bloomfield, opened the meeting with an overview of the history of the OITP. Originally founded many, many years ago, the OITP was organized to recognize those pioneering engineers who made a difference over the years. Several years ago, though, after the organization grew quiet, I was approached to re-invigorate the group, and we have grown to nearly 450 members. There are no dues to be a member, only the strong desire to be part of history. To join this illustrious group, please visit our website at www.OITP.org and begin receiving our monthly newsletter.

The attendees introduced themselves, including numerous long-term members OITP and several newcomers: Lew Page (of Larcen) whose first NAB was in 1946, Byron St. Clair, Frederick Vobbe, Owen Wood (who owned WHFS in Washington, D.C.), Robert McMahon, Bill Kohler, Ronda Jones, Brian Way, Steve Kratz, Bill Clark (an original charter member of SBE) and Michael Couzens, Doug Sheer and Jeremy Laneman from Channel 5 in Anchorage. I have no doubt that I've missed one or two, and to them I apologize.



The group was saddened to learn that long-time member, Gary Crammon, founder of Dynair, recently passed away. Also, Bob Berlin was not present because his wife recently passed away.

After introductions, I presented five members with Honorary Awards: Galactic Tycoon Byron St. Clair, Brigadier Brian Way, Keith Larson (who was unable to be present), Monochrome Mogul John Battison (whose daughter, Victoria Battison, accepted his award while he was speaking at the concurrent SBE 40th Anniversary Meeting), and Steve Kratz.

Victoria read a statement from John:

"I am truly sorry that I can't be present to receive this very gracious award, but I have to say a few words at the 40th anniversary SBE meeting and that was scheduled before I knew about tonight.

I can't really be as old as I seem --- I'm having 'senior moment' trying to remember if we used electrostatic deflection, or if magnetic deflection had been developed by 1937 for TV. I know our "scopes" used electrostatic! Anyhow the picture was surprisingly good.

Thank you very much indeed for this award -I shall put it on top of my "High definition" receiver, next to my field sequential color TV set, in recognition of all the good engineers who contributed to TV as we know it today."

The meeting was concluded after a round of photographs were taken. Those pictures would be published here, but we can not find the software for the new Olympus camera we bought to cover the event. As soon as it reappears, the pictures will be posted. Sorry about that.



The Road Show, A Taste of NAB 2004 is well on its way. As of this writing, we're in Louisiana. 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 thousands of dollars in door prizes for the business card drawing.



Letters from our fellow survivors

From: Ken Benner, Galactic Tycoon BennerAssociates@aol.com
Subject: Re: Awards Ceremony

Real sorry to be unable to attend the OTIP awards ceremony! Things got pretty wild here with the Arizona Alternative Inspection Program that I'm doing alone at this time. Starting Montana, May 17th with about 6-weeks of inspections up there. You sure do a great with your web-site! Looking forward to meeting you one day soon.

Ken Benner, Galactic Tycoon

Geez! but it's hard to be humble with a title like that!



From: Robert N. Vendeland RNVendeland@cox.net
(Our Illustrious Founder)
Subject: Garry Gramman

Every one of the old members of the OITP knows that Garry Gramman, who was Dynair, sponsored the organization. Also, he and Dynair were so important to the organization that I feel it rates an announcement in the News section. The announcement can also point to the obit where you have it. By the way, you did a good job in writing his story.

http://www.oitp.org/obits/G_Gramman.htm



NEWS

From: Albert albert@verbrugh.net
SPECIAL REPORT: Hackers grab IE's address bar
<http://briansbuzz.com/w/040506/#top1>

By Brian Livingston

Scam artists on the Internet have developed a way to make your browser's address bar say that you're viewing a legitimate Web site -- when you're actually visiting a malicious site instead. The new technique is known to affect Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE) browser, but also affects the Netscape browser and possibly others as well.

This new rip-off method is a disturbing evolution in a fast-growing wave of e-mail scams called "phishing." The typical scheme involves an attempt to get victims to reveal a credit-card number, online banking password, or other personal information.

Here's how the latest exploit works:

. * A convincing-looking e-mail. * You receive an e-mail message that looks exactly like a real notice from a bank, PayPal, eBay, or other financial institution. The message informs you that your account information has been lost in some way, and instructs you to visit the institution's Web site to re-enter your account details.

. * A convincing-looking Web page *. A link in the message, when clicked, takes you to a page that looks exactly like the official site you'd expect to see, complete with a corporate logo and other



design features. But the page is actually on a temporary domain name that's been set up for this purpose by the "phisher."

. A* hijacked address bar*. Up to this point, the phishing exploit has been identical to hundreds of older scams that have plagued the Internet for months. The new wrinkle -- and the most frightening aspect -- is that the address bar of your browser says you're on a page of the financial institution's site. The actual Web address is invisible, because the phisher's site has run code that replaced your browser's real address bar with a fake one.

The fake address bar has an input box that actually works if you type in another site you wish visit. But the code that put up the fake address bar is still running until you close the browser. This raises the possibility -- so far unseen in the wild -- that the phisher's code could record other passwords you happen to enter at other sites.

How the scam looks

The graphic at left shows an example of an IE address bar that's been taken over by a phishing Web site. The address bar looks normal, but it isn't. It's a graphic (with a working input box) that's been positioned where IE's actual address bar should be.

The address in the fake address bar -- part of a real-life example that was launched on Mar. 31 -- starts out with "https://". This suggests that you're in a secure HTTP session. But you aren't.

The domain name that's shown in the address bar in this example is "web.da-us.citibank.com". This is followed by a path to an actual login page at Citibank. The address that's displayed in the address bar is identical to the one that Citibank customers would see if they were visiting their genuine online Citibank account.

The address of the page the victim is really visiting is hidden. The real address, in this case, is dotted-decimal (in 255.255.255.255 format) so as to obscure the phisher's true identity. Such an odd-looking Web address would raise questions in the minds of many Internet users, if they could see it. This, of course, is why the fake address bar shows a respected address instead.

The logos and designs on the phishing site are perfect copies of the actual corporate site. For this reason, up to 5% of customers who receive a phishing e-mail actually enter sensitive information into the hacker's site, according to a new organization that combats such fraud, the Anti-Phishing Working Group.

Click the graphic, above, for an enlarged view and a description of the exploit. Or read the description at the anti-phishing site.

Weaknesses that give the scam away

The address-bar switcheroo is accomplished by the phishing Web site running an HTML Application (HTA) or JavaScript when the visitor clicks the "official" link. The malicious code hides the real address bar and displays the fake one instead.

This creates a few weaknesses that you can use to detect a phony address bar when you see one:

- . A short glimpse of the real Web address. Especially on slow, dial-up connections, the real Web address you're visiting is displayed in the actual address bar for an instant before it's hidden and replaced with the fake address bar (and its "official" address).

- . No "lock" icon. The phony address bar claims that a secure HTTP session is taking place. (The address line starts with "https://"). But the malicious code isn't able to make an SSL "lock" icon appear in the browser's status bar, which usually indicates a secure session. This may change as phishers become more sophisticated -- be sure to read the section below on ways the lock itself can be faked.

- . Default color scheme only. At this writing, the phishing code uses browser-detection techniques to display an address bar that's appropriate for IE, Netscape, and so forth. But the fake address bar uses only the default Windows colors. If you've configured Windows to use a different color scheme, the fake address bar will look, well, fake.

(You can use the Control Panel's Display applet to change Windows' color scheme. Click the Appearance tab, then select a Scheme in which the menus of applications have a color other than the standard background color.)

How to block the address-bar switcheroo

This phishing scam is based on a pop-up window -- lacking menus or scroll bars -- that shows up where you expect a normal address bar to be. "Most pop-up blockers would stop that attack," says Scott Mecredy, senior product manager for Earthlink, one of the U.S.'s largest Internet service providers.

Ah, but which pop-up blocker should you choose? CNET's Download.com site lists 184 of them.

One such blocker has recently received multiple plaudits. PopUpCop received a 2003 PC Magazine Editor's Choice as well as the highest rating (4.5 out of 5 stars) in a recent BotSpot comparison test. If you go to that page and then click BotSpot's "Back" link to check each individual product's review, you'll see ratings of each program on nine different features.

As for Download.com, the site doesn't yet have a rating for PopUpCop -- or 122 other blockers out of the 184 that are listed. Those programs haven't yet been reviewed. (Trying to review 184 similar utilities must be a thankless task, eh?) More info

Most of the pop-up blockers listed in the reviews mentioned above require a registration fee if you wish to use them beyond a trial period. If you're looking for a no-cost pop-up stopper, Google and several other companies offer free toolbars that include this function. PC Magazine in March 2004 published a short review of the Google toolbar and other alternatives, some of which also work with the Netscape and Mozilla browsers. More info

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One way to check out your pop-up blocker, whichever one you may decide to use, is to visit a test page provided by Pop-Up Dummy. This program, developed by Ksoft of Philadelphia, Penn., offers the page as a way to demonstrate the many types of pop-ups that it blocks, but you can try the test with any blocker. More info

The Earthlink toolbar solution

Earthlink itself recently introduced a free, downloadable toolbar that integrates into IE to stop phishing attacks.

The Earthlink download includes a pop-up blocker, a Google search input box, and an alert mode called ScamBlocker. The latter feature, if enabled, re-directs your browser to a warning page if you attempt to visit a Web site that's on Earthlink's list of known phishing exploits. You can override ScamBlocker and visit the hacker site after viewing the warning -- but I see no reason why anyone would do so.

Earthlink's Mecredy says users who have the toolbar installed would have been protected from the Mar. 31 Citibank-style attack. "The bogus URL is contained in our list of fraudulent URLs," Mecredy says, "so the user would get a warning before they ever went to that site." For Earthlink subscribers, in addition, "If you're using our spam blocker, you wouldn't have gotten that spam in the first place," Mecredy asserts.

At present, Earthlink is relying upon a list of known phishing sites that's based on reports sent to the Anti-Phishing Working Group. But the ISP's block list will soon be updated in real-time by Brightmail, a well-known anti-spam service that constantly monitors new spam content. "We're targeting some time this month" for Brightmail's rapid-update service to start blocking new URLs within minutes of their discovery, Mecredy says.

I wrote a complete column on the anti-phishing group and its role in developing Earthlink's toolbar in my May 3 Executive Tech newsletter.

More info

Will pop-up blockers be enough?

Pop-up blockers were invented to eliminate pop-up windows that are, let's face it, mostly just annoying. Suddenly, a major new benefit of such blockers is that they can combat phishers' attempts to replace your browser's address bar with a phony one. I now recommend that a good pop-up blocker should be part of every PC user's defenses. That's in addition to having a constantly updated antivirus program and a firewall.

But some experts feel that even the best pop-up blockers can't stop all attempts to hijack your address bar.

Mark Steudel is information technology manager for Panicware, the makers of Pop-Up Stopper. Pop-Up Stopper Companion 4.0.1 is one of only six pop-up blockers that received a perfect score of 5 out of 5 stars in the aforementioned Download.com listing of 184 such programs.

"A lot of the previous versions of this [scam] did use a pop-up," says Steudel. "But the latest one uses Dynamic HTML and JavaScript. It actually creates a frame on your page."

Frames, of course, are a supported feature of all modern browsers and cannot be disabled. The latest phishing scams, Steudel says, suppress your legitimate address bar and replace it with a borderless frame. This, again, looks exactly like the address bar you expect, but it contains the address of a trusted financial institution and not the phishing site you're actually at.

"Earlier versions of this would be blocked by Pop-Up Stopper," says Steudel. But frames are such an integral feature of today's browsers that phishers may have finally found a technique that's difficult or impossible for legitimate users to absolutely rule out.

You can't trust the "lock" icon, either

To make matters worse, the small lock icon that appears to indicate a secure session in the status bar of all modern browsers can't be trusted, according to computer security authorities.

Scam artists can buy a digital certificate and use it to establish "secure" communications, like anyone else. The lock icon would show up in the status bar, just as you'd expect. Then the certificate (and its associated Web site) could be abandoned the day after a few million phishing e-mails had gone out, acquiring hundreds or thousands of credit-card numbers.

But phishers needn't bother to get any certificates. The lock icon doesn't even prove that any encrypted communications at all are being conducted. The SANS Institute, a respected security research and training organization, published last month an analysis of this problem by Dr. Neal Krawetz of the Secure Science Corporation. He wrote:

"One of the SSL encoding methods is 'plain text.' Most SSL servers have this disabled by default, but most browsers support it. When plain text is used, no central certificate authority is consulted and the user never sees a message asking if a certificate should be accepted (because 'plain text' doesn't use certificates). Keeping that in mind, the little lock icon may not even indicate an encrypted channel. The little lock only indicates an SSL connection." In addition, the same techniques that are being used to display a fake address bar could conceivably be used to poke a fake image of a lock onto a status bar.

IE lets any Web site replace any dialog, anywhere

The most interesting demonstration of the inability of Internet Explorer to defend its basic user-interface features from hackers was created recently by Andrew Clover, a British programmer who currently works in Germany.

As described by Bmonday.com, a blog that links to the actual demonstration, Clover's code causes a security warning window to open -- but the text is immediately covered by a different, "chromeless" window.

If you have Active Content enabled in IE's Tools, Options, Advanced dialog box, Clover's borderless window provides reassuring information and an easy-to-click "Yes" button. The trick covers up the warning text and the "No" button that would ordinarily appear. (If you go to Clover's demonstration

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page, wait a few seconds for the ActiveX content to load, then drag the title bar of the demo window around to see that something tricky is going on.)

Theoretically, any Web site could use these same techniques to make any dialog box that's opened by IE appear to say or do anything.

The answer is a mystery wrapped in an enigma

So if pop-up blockers only stop some, not all, address-bar switcheroos -- and if even "lock" icons and security-warning dialog boxes can't be trusted -- how can PC users ensure that they won't fall prey to the latest phishing attacks?

Microsoft and others advise that you should double-click the lock icon, whenever you see it in the status bar of IE, and read the dialog box that appears. This can help you verify that the name on the digital certificate matches the site you expected to be visiting.

That's a worthwhile technique. But with the possibility of "chromeless" windows that can cover up and seemingly replace the text of any security warning, it may not be 100% reliable. And few people will likely take the time to double-click every lock icon and interpret the results every time they use PayPal or access their online bank.

The unfortunate answer is that social-engineering attacks, such as the phishing expeditions that try to get you to reveal your credit-card numbers and passwords, require social-engineering defenses. That means people must learn not to do things that defy common sense. It's ridiculous to think that your bank "forgot" your credit-card numbers and needs you to "re-enter them." But these exact appeals have worked because most people want to be on good terms with their bank and want to provide accurate information when asked to do so.

Pop-up blockers, antivirus programs, and firewalls can do only so much. At some point, the public needs to be sufficiently educated about computers so that preposterous "re-enter your account information" e-mails go universally unanswered.

This isn't to say that links in e-mails should never be clicked. It's saying that it should become second nature for us to instantly reject any appeals that violate basic concepts of logic. Utilities such as Earthlink's ScamBuster toolbar can help warn of known phishing sites. But ultimately, we need to learn that messages saying, "You need to re-enter your credit card numbers," should spark the response, "Oh, no, I don't."

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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.*)

Funny things while running radials...

From: Dave Scott dave@scottstudios.com

Moonshiners' stills were in the path of three radials when I was retuning a neglected DA-N on 1440 kHz in Greenville, SC.

Moonshiners shoot first and ask questions later.

The station manager wondered what happened to the station's van. I offered to take him to those radials but he was always too busy.

Also, in SC on a re-proof, I stumbled onto a KKK rally in the woods where there was a small clearing. I decided to work on a different radial for a while and came back another day.

Dave Scott



From: Gary Peterson kzerocx@rapidcity.net

While doing a full proof for a new directional array, in 1990, I contacted a landowner who had a very large tract, which was traversed by one or two radials. I explained that I wished to cross his land, on foot, and do signal strength measurements. I also informed him that I did not smoke and wouldn't start a prairie fire.

He informed me that if he caught me on his land, he would "beat the crap" out of me and confiscate any equipment I had (FIM & cell phone). That went for any trespassers...not just me. I marked that area on the topo map "hostile land owner" and measured as many points as I could either side of his land. If I saw this person's house on fire, it would be a tough decision as to whether or not to call the fire department. I wondered why he was so adamant about not letting anyone on his property. I suspected he might have been growing something illegal out there. I thought about dropping a hint to the DEA, but never did.

Gary Peterson, KØCX
Rapid City, SD



From: Bob Groome bobgroome@yahoo.com

I think too many radials run ... but one that stand out.

Standing in the middle grass section of Interstate 4 in Central Florida running WMEG's array. A sheriff dep. pulls over and wants to know what I'm 'a doing' waving that than 'thang' around

Explained to him was measuring the signal level for the station..... etc. you know, it takes about 5 minutes to describe what you are doing to some one who knows nothing of AM.

The copy smiles and says ... yes yes, now tell me what you are a-doing out here. I sensed he was getting up dight. Had him follow me to the station and got him coffee and snacks and free records (remember records?) and he backed off.

That was sure much more 'fun' than the rattle snakes or irated home owners and cows and bulls etc. I ran into..

BOB

Comment on the above from --- W A Fick waynef@wvno.com

The bull is always the worst, you can reason with most irate people but the bull won't listen or don't care.



From: Burt I. Weiner

I'm sure we've all got some really great stories about things that have happened while running radials. One time we had to make measurements through an Orange Grove that was part of a large ranch operation. This was one of those situations where we had to make measurements only once and would never have to repeat them (hopefully). There was a sign in front that said, "No Access Without Prior Permission". No phone number, no contact information. We'll, we drove in looking for the office or someone to get permission from. We couldn't find anyone. So we started to make measurements. One eye on the meter, one eye scanning the landscape. Finally someone came up to us, asked what we were doing and told us we had to get permission from the corporate office's of the ranch located 300+ miles away. We agreed but suggested that in order to save time that we make a few measurements just to see if it would be necessary to make measurements. We were granted permission to make test measurements.

Another time, on private ranch property, a man came riding out on a tractor with a shot gun and asked what the hell we were doing on his property. We told him and he responded sharply, "Well, when you're done come on up to the house. The wife is just about to put lunch on the table and there's plenty". We had a really great time visiting but it blew the rest of the day.

In 30 years I've yet to come across a threatening situation. Well, there was the bull.

Burt



From: Tom Osenkowsky, CPBE

Another time in Cumberland, RI I was greeted by a man with a brown bottle in one hand and a high powered rifle in the other. I was checking a point on a null radial when he asked me what I was doing on his land. I told him I was making measurements for the government and it wouldn't cost him anything. He went back inside. Poor man thought it was 8:30 on Saturday night, not 8:30 Sunday morning. He didn't even offer me a swig!

Tom



From: Ron Castro ronc@sonic.net

I think someone on this list once told a story about taking FI readings in a really bad neighborhood in Chicago. They used to dress up like City Public Works employees...orange vests, helmets, traffic cones, etc. As the story went, one hot afternoon a crowd gathered led by a very large gentlemen smoking a very large cigar who demanded to know what they were doing. The fast-thinking engineer apparently told them he was from the Gas Department, checking on a leak, and that he and the cigar better leave fast or there might be an explosion. The crowd dispersed immediately without further incident.

Ron Castro



From: Bill Croghan

A fellow engineer in Denver used to have the ultimate answer when challenged by anyone as he ran radials. When asked what he was doing he would tell them that he was taking "Radiation Readings for the Government" then hold a finger up in the Shush position like it was a big secret. Nobody ever stopped or questioned him after that. He did this from an unmarked station vehicle.

Bill Croghan CPBE, WBØKSW
Chief Engineer



From: Peter Moncure pmoncure@radiosoft.com

I think too many radials run ... but one that stand out.

The one which stood out (ahem) for me was one which crossed the Hudson on a long diagonal. My wife and I one summer in a rowboat, hey that river has currrrrrrent, it was fun for her to try to keep from drifting! Anyhow, we clambered out on the east bank and scrambled up through the underbrush to find a gorgeous park setting with manicured lawns and very lavish buildings. Imagine our surprise when some of the young and obviously wealthy residents (coiffed and bejewelled) approached us, all in birthday suits, wondering why we weren't. We'd found a "naturist camp". They wouldn't let us leave until we promised not to tell their location, and there were soon a lot of them. After that the two- and fourlegged bulls, with or without horns or shotguns (saw both) were no problem.

Peter Moncure, VP RadioSoft



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Bill Croghan CPBE, WBØKSW
Chief Engineer
KOMP/KXPT/KENO/KBAD



Websites to Visit

From: JPratt jpratt@stny.rr.com

This is long, but you gotta read it... <http://www.angelfire.com/extreme4/kiddofspeed/>

and

Cool Link

<http://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/primer/java/scienceopticsu/powersof10/>

Thought some of you would find this interesting.



Pictures of the Month



Take your kid to work day.



Biker Chicks



Evolutionary mistake



Woops

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.)*

From: Alan Alsobrook radiotech@bellsouth.net
Subject: Engineers on a lighter note..

A systems engineer, mechanical engineer, and a software engineer are in a car careering down a mountainous road without brakes. The driver is furiously pumping the pedal while he steers the speeding car around the treacherous turns - stones flying and passengers gasping. Finally, he finds an incline and the car coasts to a stop. All three get out and, thanking their lucky stars, begin to assess the situation.

"Oh," said the mechanical engineer, "the brake lines are leaking – lets patch the hole, bleed the brakes and be on our way!"

The systems engineer said "maybe we should consult with the manufacturer and the dealer to ensure that is really the problem."

The software engineer said "why don't we get back in and see if it happens again?"



From: WFIFeng@aol.com
Subject: Humor :)

I thought this was great, so I wanted to share it with Y'all! :)

"Abbott & Costello on Computers"

ABBOTT: Super Duper Computer Store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: Thanks. I'm setting up an office in my den, and I'm thinking about buying a computer.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.

ABBOTT: Your computer?

COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou!

ABBOTT: What about Windows?

COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?

ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with Windows?

COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look in the windows?

ABBOTT: Wallpaper.

COSTELLO: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.

ABBOTT: Software for Windows?

COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses, and run my business. What have you got?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?

ABBOTT: I just did.

COSTELLO: You just did what?

ABBOTT: Recommend something.

COSTELLO: You recommended something?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: For my office?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!

ABBOTT: I recommend Office with Windows.

COSTELLO: I already have an office and it has windows! OK, let's just say, I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?

ABBOTT: Word.

COSTELLO: What word?

ABBOTT: Word in Office.

COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.

ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.

COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?

ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue W

COSTELLO: I'm going to click your blue W if you don't start with some straight answers. OK, forget that. Can I watch movies on the Internet?

ABBOTT: Yes, you want Real One.

COSTELLO: Maybe a real one, maybe a cartoon. What I watch is none of your business. Just tell me what I need!

ABBOTT: Real One.

COSTELLO: If it's a long movie I also want to see reel 2, 3, and 4. Can I watch them?

ABBOTT: Of course.

COSTELLO: Great, with what?

ABBOTT: Real One.

COSTELLO: OK, I'm at my computer and I want to watch a movie. What do I do?

ABBOTT: You click the blue 1

COSTELLO: I click the blue one what?

ABBOTT: The blue 1.

COSTELLO: Is that different from the blue W?

ABBOTT: The blue 1 is Real One and the blue W is Word.

COSTELLO: What word?

ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.

COSTELLO: But there's three words in "office for windows!"

ABBOTT: No, just one. But it's the most popular Word in the world.

COSTELLO: It is?

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ABBOTT: Yes, but to be fair, there aren't many other Words left. It pretty much wiped out all the other Words out there.

COSTELLO: And that word is real one?

ABBOTT: Real One has nothing to do with Word. Real One isn't even part of Office.

COSTELLO: Stop! Don't start that again. What about financial bookkeeping- do you have anything I can track my money with?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?

ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.

COSTELLO: What's bundled to my computer?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer! ?

ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.

COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?

ABBOTT: One copy.

COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?

ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.

COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?

ABBOTT: Why not, they own it.

Hope you got a laugh out of this...

Steve Hall



From: Sue Clark clark@core.com

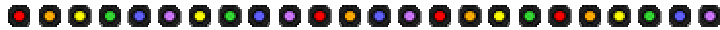
Yesterday, Texas A&M University scientists released the results of a recent analysis that revealed the presence of female hormones in beer.

Men should take a concerned look at their beer consumption. The theory is that beer contains female hormones (hops contain phyto estrogens) and that by drinking enough beer, men turn into women.

To test the theory, 100 men were fed 8 pints of beer each within a 1 hour period. It was then observed that 100% of the test subjects:

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| 1) Gained weight. | 6) Argued over nothing. |
| 2) Talked excessively without making sense. | 7) Had to sit down while urinating. |
| 3) Became overly emotional. | 8) Refused to apologize when obviously wrong. |
| 4) Couldn't drive. | |
| 5) Failed to think rationally. | |

No further testing was considered necessary.



From: Sue Clark at work susanclark@clarkwire.com

Christian Elementary School Test Answers!

Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you know the Bible, even a little, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a Christian elementary school test. Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by the children. They have not been retouched or corrected (i.e., incorrect spelling has been left in).

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.

{ I love this next one }

3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals.
5. Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

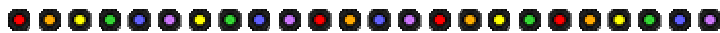
{ Gotta love this one too }

12. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.

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{I think Kelly came home with this one}

14. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manager.
17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his xhead.
19. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained, a man doth not live by sweat alone.
20. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
21. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
24. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage. (Sound's right?)
25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony



From: Ray Erickson rayw0ltn@oregonfast.net

In the beginning

IN THE BEGINNING.....

God said, "Adam, I want you to do something for me."

Adam said, "Gladly, Lord, what do You want me to do?"

God said, "Go down into that valley."

Adam said, "What's a valley?"

God explained it to him.

Then God said, "Cross the river."

Adam said, "What's a river?"

God explained that to him, and then said, "Go over to the hill....."

Adam said, "What is a hill?"

So, God explained to Adam what a hill was.

He told Adam, "On the other side of the hill you will find a cave"
Adam said, "What's a cave?"
After God explained, he said, "In the cave you will find a Woman."
Adam said, "What's a woman?"
So God explained that to him, too.
Then, God said, "I want you to reproduce."
Adam said, "How do I do that?"
God first said (under his breath), "Geez....."
And then, just like everything else,
God explained that to Adam, as well.
So, Adam goes down into the valley, across the river, and over the hill, into the cave, and finds the woman.
Then, in about five minutes, he was back.
God, his patience wearing thin, said angrily, "What is it now?"
And Adam said, "What's a headache?"

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Glenn Henshaw



From: Charlene Wilson pjcwilson@yahoo.com
Our Capitol

I also found this interesting. As a kid I climbed the monument many times with relatives and friends from many countries. I don't remember the inscriptions or hearing about the cap. A few of you techies out there, can you find out if this info is true? Charlene

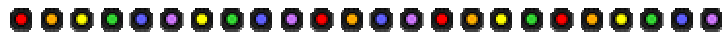
I found this to be interesting; I hope the details are true!

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington DC, are displayed two words: Laus Deo No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less. Once you know Laus Deo's history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. But these words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, un-noticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world. So, what do those two words, in Latin, comprised of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean?

Very simply, they say "Praise be to God!" [Laus is Praise be and Deo means God] Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, "Laus

Deo....Praise be to God!" From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles l'Enfant...a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west. A cross you ask ? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution.



From: JIM WELMAN welmansmtn@oregonfast.net

Ten good golf caddy replies.

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Golfer "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."

Caddy "Think you can keep your head down that long?"

9

Golfer "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddy "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

8

Golfer "Do you think my game is improving?"

Caddy "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."

7

Golfer "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"

Caddy "Eventually."

6

Golfer "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."

Caddy "I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."

5

Golfer "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction."

Caddy "It's not a watch - it's a compass."

4

Golfer "How do you like my game?"

Caddy "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."

3

Golfer "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?"

Caddy "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."

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Golfer "This is the worst course I've ever played on."



Caddy "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."

1 Best Caddy Comment

Golfer "That can't be my ball, it's too old."

Caddy "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."



Why We Love Children

1. A kindergarten pupil told his teacher he'd found a cat, but it was dead.

"How do you know that the cat was dead?" she asked her pupil.

"Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move," answered the child innocently.

You did WHAT ? ! ?" the teacher exclaimed in surprise.

"You know," explained the boy, "I leaned over and went 'Pssst!' and it didn't move."

2. A small boy is sent to bed by his father.

Five minutes later....."Da-ad...."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can you bring drink of water?"

"No, You had your chance. Lights out."

Five minutes later: "Da-aaaad....."

"WHAT?"

"I'm THIRSTY. Can I have a drink of water??"

I told you NO! If you ask again, I'll have to spank you!!"

Five minutes later....."Daaaa-aaaad....."

"WHAT!"

"When you come in to spank me, can you bring a drink of water?"

3. An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

4. One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room."

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

5. It was that time, during the Sunday morning service, for the children's sermon. All the children were invited to come forward. One little girl was wearing a particularly pretty dress and, as she sat down, the pastor leaned over and said, "That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter Dress?" The little girl replied, directly into the pastor's clip-on microphone, "Yes, and my Mom says it's a bitch to iron."

6 When I was six months pregnant with my third child, my three year old came into the room when I was just getting ready to get into the shower. She said, "Mommy, you are getting fat!" I replied, "Yes, honey, remember Mommy has a baby growing in her tummy." "I know," she replied, but what's growing in your butt?"

7 A little boy was doing his math homework. He said to himself, "Two plus five, that son of a bitch is seven. Three plus six, that son of a bitch is nine...." His mother heard what he was saying and gasped, "What are you doing?" The little boy answered, "I'm doing my math homework, Mom." "And this is how your teacher taught you to do it?" the mother asked. "Yes," he answered. Infuriated, the mother asked the teacher the next day, "What are you teaching my son in math?" The teacher replied, "Right now, we are learning addition." The mother asked, "And are you teaching them to say two plus two, that son of a bitch is four?" After the teacher stopped laughing, she answered, "What I taught them was, two plus two, THE SUM OF WHICH, is four."

8. One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of Chicken Little to her class. She came to the part of the story where Chicken Little tried to warn the farmer. She read, "... and so Chicken Little went up to the farmer and said, "The sky is falling, the sky is falling!" The teacher paused then asked the class, "And what do you think that farmer said?" One little girl raised her hand and said, "I think he said: 'Holy cow! A talking chicken!'" The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.

9. A certain little girl, when asked her name, would reply, "I'm Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter." Her mother told her this was wrong, she must say, "I'm Jane Sugarbrown." The Vicar spoke to her in Sunday School, and said, "Aren't you Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter?" She replied, "I thought I was, but mother says I'm not."

10 A little girl asked her mother, "Can I go outside and play with the boys?" Her mother replied, "No, you can't play with the boys, they're too rough." The little girl thought about it for a few moments and asked, "If I can find a smooth one, can I play with him?"

11 A little girl goes to the barber shop with her father. She stands next to the barber chair, while her dad gets his hair cut, eating a snack cake. The barber says to her, "Sweetheart, you're gonna get hair on your Twinkie." She says, "Yes, I know, and I'm gonna get boobs too."



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10 Husbands, Still a Virgin

A lawyer married a woman who had previously divorced ten husbands. On their wedding night, she told her new husband, "Please be gentle, I'm still a virgin."

"What?" said the puzzled groom. "How can that be if you've been married ten times?"

"Well, Husband #1 was a sales representative; he kept telling me how great it was going to be.

Husband #2 was in software services; he was never really sure how it was supposed to function, but he said he'd look into it and get back to me.

Husband #3 was from field services; he said everything checked out diagnostically but he just couldn't get the system up.

Husband #4 was in telemarketing; even though he knew he had the order, he didn't know when he would be able to deliver.

Husband #5 was an engineer; he understood the basic process but wanted three years to research, implement, and design a new state-of-the-art method.

Husband #6 was from finance and administration; he thought he knew how, but he wasn't sure whether it was his job or not.

Husband #7 was in marketing; although he had a nice product, he was never sure how to position it.

Husband #8 was a psychologist; all he ever did was talk about it.

Husband #9 was a gynecologist; all he did was look at it.

Husband #10 was a stamp collector; all he ever did was... God! I miss him! But now that I've married you, I'm really excited!"

"Good," said the new husband, "but, why?"

"You're a lawyer. This time I know I'm gonna get screwed!"



From: Charlene Wilson pjcwilson@yahoo.com

Another reason for gun control...(This is just toooooo much)

And You Thought You Were Having a Bad Day.....Two hunters from Minnesota -- (true story).

This is from a radio program, a true report of an incident in Minnesota: A guy buys a brand new Lincoln Navigator truck for \$42,500 and has \$560 monthly payments. He and a friend go duck hunting in winter, and of course all the lakes are frozen. These two guys go out on the lake with their guns, a dog, and of course the new vehicle. They drive out onto the lake ice and get ready.

Now, they want to make some kind of a natural landing area for the ducks, for the decoys to float on. In order to make a hole large enough to look like something a wandering duck would fly down and land on, it's going to take a little more effort than an ice hole drill. So, out of the back of the new Navigator truck comes a stick of dynamite with a short 40 second fuse.



Now, these two rocket Scientists do take into consideration that they want to place the stick of dynamite on the ice at a location far from where they, (and the new Navigator truck), are standing. They don't want to take the risk of slipping on the ice when they run from the burning fuse and possibly go up in smoke with the resulting blast. They light the 40 second fuse and throw the dynamite.

Remember a couple of paragraphs back when I mentioned the vehicle, the guns, and the dog??

Let's talk about the dog: A highly trained Black Lab used for RETRIEVING, especially things thrown by the owner. You guessed it, the dog takes off at a high rate of doggy speed on the ice and captures the stick of dynamite with the burning 40 second fuse about the time it hits the ice. The two men yell, scream, wave their arms and wonder what to do now. The dog, cheered on, keeps coming. One of the guys grabs the shotgun and shoots the dog. The shotgun is loaded with #8 buckshot, hardly big enough to stop a Black Lab. The dog stops for a moment, slightly confused, but continues on.

Another shot and this time the dog, still standing, becomes really confused and of course terrified, thinking these two geniuses have gone insane. The dog takes off to find cover....under the brand new Navigator truck. The men continue to yell as they run. The exhaust pipe on the truck is still hot, so the dog yelps and drops the dynamite under the truck, and takes off after his master.

Then --BOOM-- the truck is blown to bits and sinks to the bottom of the lake in a very large hole, leaving the two idiots standing there with this "I can't believe this happened" look on their faces.

The insurance company says that sinking a vehicle in a lake by illegal use of explosives is not COVERED. He still had yet to make the first of those \$560.00 a month payments!!!

And you thought your day was not going well ---



From: Charlene Wilson pjcwilson@yahoo.com
Fish & Chips -

Lost on a rainy night, a nun stumbles across a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, she's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips she's ever had.

After dinner, she goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. She is met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Stacy, and this is Brother Charles."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Charles replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar." She turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be...?" (Are you ready for this???) "Yes, I'm the chip monk."



Floyd's Fair

From: Floyd Farrar farrfl@comcast.net

Hey with Memorial Day weekend- I just heard this one and it fits:

The Indy 500 drivers and just as average as any driver who goes over 100 MPH, except they aren't driving an overpriced, gas guzzling SUV or pickup, talking on a cell phone, smoking a cigarette, and reprimanding kids in the back seat.



Subject: Alternate Meanings

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| 1. Arbitrator: A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's. | 12. Parasites: What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower. |
| 2. Avoidable: What a bullfighter tries to do. | 13. Pharmacists: A helper on the farm. |
| 3. Bernadette: The act of torching your mortgage. | 14. Polarize: What penguins see with. |
| 4. Burglarize: What a crook sees with. | 15. Primate: Removing your spouse from in front of the TV. |
| 5. Control: A short, ugly inmate. | 16. Relief: What trees do each spring. |
| 6. Counterfeiters: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets. | 17. Rubberneck: What you can do to relax your wife. |
| 7. Eclipse: What an English barber does for a living. | 18. Seamstress: Describes 250 pounds in a size 6. |
| 8. Eyedropper: A clumsy ophthalmologist. | 19. Selfish: What the owner of a seafood store does. |
| 9. Heroes: What a guy in a canoe does. | 20. Subdued: A guy that works on submarines. |
| 10. Left Bank: What a robber did when his bag was full of loot. | 21. Sudafed: Bring litigation against a government official. |
| 11. Misty: How golfers create divots. | |



Subject: Groaners

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| 1. You know sometimes I get the sudden urge to run around naked. But then I just drink some Windex. It keeps me from streaking. | 4. The jockey thought he was so clever feeding marijuana's steed to enhance it's performance --- now he's busted, and it's time for him to get off his high horse. |
| 2. The roundest knight at king Arthur's table was Sir Cumference. | 5. Grocery clerks make you pick paper or plastic because baggers can't be choosers. |
| 3. A boy who looked like his father, a sculptor, was a chip off the old block. | |

6. "Every time a bell rings, my dog goes and sits in the corner."

Vet: "That's perfectly normal; he's a boxer."

7. Wear short sleeves! Support your right to bare arms!

8. Hear about the man who worked in the gum factory who fell in a vat of bubblegum? His boss had to chew him out.



Jackson's Nose

Michael Jackson has just commissioned his plastic surgeon to do just one more operation. His request to the surgeon was to do anything to keep people from staring at his nose. The doctor surprised Michael and came up with a solution. Upon the viewing after the bandages were removed, all agreed that the doctor was very creative and the operation was a huge success. Nobody will look at his nose again.



Lessons

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries - Most never happen.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.

4. Give more.
 5. Expect less
- NOW -----

Enough of that crap . . .

The donkey later came back and bit the hell out of the farmer who had tried to bury him. The gash from the bite got infected, and the farmer eventually died in agony from septic shock.

MORAL FROM TODAY'S LESSON: When you do something wrong and try to cover your ass, it always comes back to bite you.



Long Life Secrets

A passer-by noticed an old lady sitting on her front step: "I couldn't help noticing how happy you look! What is your secret for such a long, happy life?"

"I smoke 4 packs of cigarettes a day", she said. "Before I go to bed, I smoke a nice big joint. Apart from that, I drink a whole bottle of Jack Daniels every week, and eat only junk food. On weekends I pop a huge number of pills and do no exercise at all."

"This is absolutely amazing at your age!!!!", says the passer-by. "How old are you?"

"Twenty four"



Ouch!

A man is being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turns yellow, just in front of him. He does the honest thing, and stops at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman hits the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she misses her chance to get through the intersection with him.

As she is still in mid-rant, she hears a tap on her window and looks up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer orders her to exit her car with her hands up. He takes her to the police station where she is searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approaches the cell and opens the door. She is escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer is waiting with her personal effects.

He says, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping the guy off in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed



the "Choose Life" license plate holder, the "What Would Jesus Do" bumper sticker, the "Follow Me to Sunday School" bumper sticker, and the chrome plated "Christian fish emblem on the trunk."

He shrugged. "Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."



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 just buried fourth husband, and 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 apples.

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.



Texan in Ireland

A Texan walks into a pub in Ireland and clears his voice to the crowd of drinkers. He says, "I hear you Irish are a bunch of hard drinkers. I'll give \$500 American dollars to anybody in here who can drink 10 pints of Guinness back-to-back." The room is quiet and no one takes up the Texan's offer.

One man even leaves. Thirty minutes later the same gentleman who left shows back up and taps the Texan on the shoulder. "Is your bet still good?" asks the Irishman.

The Texan says yes and asks the bartender to line up 10 pints of Guinness. Immediately the Irishman tears into all 10 of the pint glasses drinking them all back-to-back.

The other pub patrons cheer as the Texan sits in amazement.

The Texan gives the Irishman the \$500 and says, "If ya don't mind me askin', where did you go for that 30 minutes you were gone?"

The Irishman replies, "Oh...I had to go to the pub down the street to see if I could do it first".



"Some Thoughts To Get You Through Any Crisis"

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Indecision is the key to flexibility2. Happiness is merely the remission of pain3. The facts, although interesting, are irrelevant.4. Sometimes too much to drink is not enough.5. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.6. There is absolutely no substitute for genuine lack of preparation.7. You can't tell which way the train went by looking at the track.8. The careful application of terror is also a form of communication.9. Someone who thinks logically is a nice contrast to the real world.10. Things are more like they are today than they ever have been before.11. Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.12. Anything worth fighting for is worth fighting dirty for.13. Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.14. I have seen the truth and it makes no sense.15. Suicide is the most sincere form of self-criticism. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">16. If you think that there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.17. All things being equal, fat people use more soap.18. If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.19. One-seventh of your life is spent on Monday.20. By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.21. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.22. The more you run over a dead cat, the flatter it gets.23. There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.24. This is as bad as it can get, but don't bet on it.25. Never wrestle with a pig. You both get all dirty, and the pig likes it.26. You can observe a lot just by watching.27. Three correct guesses in a row and you qualify to be an expert.28. If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there. |
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What to Eat?

Can't eat beef.....mad cow.
Can't eat chicken..... bird flu
Can't eat eggs..... again, bird flu
Can't eat pork.....fears that bird flu will infect
piggies

Can't eat fish..... heavy metals in the waters
has poisoned their meat
Can't eat fruits and veggies..... insecticides
and herbicides
Hmmm! I believe that leaves Chocolate!



You live in Arizona when

1. You are willing to park 3 blocks away because you found shade.
2. You can open and drive your car without touching the car door or the steering wheel.
3. You've experienced condensation on your butt from the hot water in the toilet bowl.
4. You would give anything to be able to splash cold water on your face.
5. You can attend any function wearing shorts and a tank top.

6. "Dress Code" is meaningless at high schools, universities, and picture lingerie ads.
7. You can drive for 4 hours in one direction and never leave town.
8. You have over 100 recipes for Mexican food.
9. The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!!
10. You know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you in the face when you open your oven door.

You Live in California when...

1. You make over \$250,000 and you still can't afford to buy a house.
- 2 The high school quarterback calls a time-out to answer his cell phone.
3. The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.

4. You know how to eat an artichoke.
5. You drive your rented Mercedes to your neighborhood block party.
6. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.

You Live in New York City when...

1. You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.
2. You have never been to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building.
3. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.

4. You think Central Park is "nature,"
5. You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multi-lingual.
6. You've worn out a car horn.
7. You think eye contact is an act of aggression.



You Live in Maine when...

1. You only have four spices: salt, pepper, ketchup, and Tabasco.
2. Halloween costumes fit over parkas.
3. You have more than one recipe for moose.
4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than eight buttons.
5. The four seasons are: winter, still winter, almost winter, and construction.

You Live in the Deep South when...

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. "ya'll" is singular and "all ya'll" is plural.
3. After five years you still hear, "You ain't from 'round here, are Ya?"
4. "He needed killin' " -is a valid defense.
5. Everyone has 2 first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Mary Sue, Betty Jean, MARY BETH, etc.

You live in Colorado when...

1. You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car.
2. You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home and he stops at the day care center.
3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.
4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony tail.

You live in the Midwest when...

1. You've never met any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.
2. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.
3. You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.
4. You end sentences with a preposition: "Where's my coat at?"
5. When asked how your trip was to any exotic place, you say, "It was different!"

You live in Florida when....

1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.
2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind -- even houses and cars.
3. Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist.
4. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
5. Cars in front of you are often driven by headless people.



Steady as she goes!



Re-start damn it!



And it says: Moo-yow!



Woops!

Burt's Humor

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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.



Navajo Wisdom

A woman is driving toward home in Northern Arizona when she comes upon a Navajo woman hitchhiking. Because the trip has been long and quiet, she stops the car and the Navajo woman climbs in.

During their small talk, the Navajo woman glances surreptitiously at a brown bag on the front seat between them.

"If you're wondering what's in the bag," offers the woman, "it's a bottle of wine; I got it for my husband."

The Navajo woman is silent for a while, nods several times and says, "Good trade".



New Element Discovered:

A major research institution in the United States has recently announced the discovery of the heaviest NEW chemical element yet known to science. The new element has been tentatively named Governmentium.

Governmentium has 1 neutron, 12 assistant neutrons, 75 deputy neutrons, and 224 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312.

These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. Since Governmentium does not have electrons, it is therefore inert. However, it normally can be detected as it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact.

Governmentium has a normal half-life of 4 years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since any reorganization will cause some morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes. This characteristic of moron-promotion leads some scientists to speculate that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a certain quantity in concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as "critical morass."



Ponderings...

I thought many of these I had seen before, but not in one place. Enjoy.

If you're not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's the famous scientist who once said, "I woke up one morning and all of my stuff had been stolen...and replaced by exact duplicates." His mind sees things differently than we do, to our amazement and amusement. Here are some more of his gems:

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| 1- I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize. | 8- If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain. |
| 2- Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back. | 9- All those who believe in psycho-kinesis, raise my hand. |
| 3- Half the people you know are below average. | 10- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese. |
| 4- 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name. | 11- I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.. |
| 5- 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot. | 12- OK, so what's the speed of dark? |
| 6- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good. | 13- How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink |
| 7- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory. | 14- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something. |

15- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
 16- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
 17- Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
 18- Hard work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now.
 19- I intend to live forever -- so far, so good.
 20- If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
 21- Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
 22- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
 23- My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
 24- Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

25- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
 26- A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
 27- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
 28- The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
 29- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
 30- The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
 31- The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
 32- The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
 33- Everyone has a photographic memory, some just don't have film.



Rodney Dangerfield:

* I was so poor growing up ... if I wasn't a boy... I'd have had nothing to play with.

* A girl phoned me the other day and said, "Come on over; nobody's home." I went over. Nobody was home.

* It's been a rough day. I got up this morning ... put a shirt on and a button fell off. I picked up my briefcase, and the handle came off. I'm afraid to go to the bathroom.

* I was such an ugly kid... When I played in the sandbox, the cat kept covering me up.

* I could tell my parents hated me. My bath toys were a toaster and radio.

* I was such an ugly baby... My mother never breast-fed me. She told me that she only liked me as a friend.

* I'm so ugly... My father carried around a picture of a kid that came with his wallet.

* When I was born, the doctor came into the waiting room and said to my father, "I'm sorry. We did everything we could, but he pulled through."

* I'm so ugly... My mother had morning sickness... AFTER I was born.

* I remember the time that I was kidnapped and they sent a piece of my finger to my father. He said he wanted more proof.

* Once when I was lost, I saw a policeman, and asked him to help me find my parents. I said to him, "Do you think we'll ever find them?" He said, "I don't know kid. There are so many places they can hide"

* My wife made me join a bridge club. I jump off next Tuesday.

* I'm so ugly... I worked in a pet shop, and people kept asking how big I'd get.

* I went to see my doctor. "Doctor, every morning when I get up and I look in the mirror...I feel like throwing up; What's wrong with me?" He said..."I don't know but your eyesight is perfect."

* I went to the doctor because I'd swallowed a bottle of sleeping pills. My doctor told me to have a few drinks and get some rest.

* With my old man I got no respect. I asked him, "How can I get my kite in the air?" He told me to run off a cliff.

* Some dog I got. We call him Egypt because in every room he leaves a pyramid. His favorite bone is in my arm. Last night he went on the paper four times - three of those times I was reading it.

* One year they wanted to make me poster boy for birth control.

* My uncle's dying wish was to have me sitting in his lap; he was in the electric chair.

* I'm so ugly; when I was born the doctor slapped my mother!



The movie revisited...

A man was sprawled across three entire seats in a theater. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The man groaned but didn't budge. The usher became impatient.

"Sir," the usher said, "If you don't get up from there, I'm going to have to call the manager."

Again, the man just groaned, which infuriated the usher who turned and marched briskly back up the aisle in search of his manager. In a few moments, both the usher and the manager returned and stood over the man. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move him, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police. The cop surveyed the situation briefly.

"All right, buddy. What's your name?" "Sam," the man moaned.

"Where ya from, Sam?" the cop asked. "The balcony."



Hand Art



Two Old Guys

Abe and Sol, are sitting on a park bench feeding pigeons and talking about baseball, like they do every day. Abe turns to Sol and says, "Do you think there's baseball in heaven?"

Saul thinks about it for a minute and replies, "I dunno. But let's make a deal: if I die first, I'll come back and tell you if there's baseball in heaven, and if you die first, you do the same."

They shake on it and sadly, a few months later, poor Abe passes on. One day soon afterward, Sol is sitting there feeding the pigeons by himself when he hears a voice whisper, "Sol... Sol..."

Sol responds, "Abe! Is that you?" "Yes it is, Saul," whispers Abe's ghost. Sol, still amazed, asks, "So, is there baseball in heaven?" "Well," says Abe, "I've got good news and bad news." "Gimme the good news first," says Sol. Abe says, "Well... there is baseball in heaven." Sol says, "That's great! What news could be bad enough to ruin that!?" Abe sighs and whispers, "You're pitching on Friday."



Valentine Rhymes

These are entries to a Washington Post competition asking for a rhyme with the most romantic first line but . The least romantic second line:

Love may be beautiful, love may be bliss
But I only slept with you, because I was
pissed.

I thought that I could love no other
Until, that is, I met your brother.

Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet,
and so are you.
But the roses are wilting, the violets are dead,
the sugar bowl's empty and so is your head.

Of loving beauty you float with grace
If only you could hide your face.

Kind, intelligent, loving and hot
This describes everything you are not.

I want to feel your sweet embrace
But don't take that ! paper bag off of your face.
I love your smile, your face, and your eyes
Damn, I'm good at telling lies!

My darling, my lover, my beautiful wife:
Marrying you screwed up my life.

I see your face when I am dreaming.
That's why I always wake up screaming.

My feelings for you no words can tell
Except for maybe "Go To Hell".

My love, you take my breath away.
What have you stepped in to smell this way?

What inspired this amorous rhyme?
Two parts vodka, one part lime.



Yes, another Virus Warning...

Virus Warning: The code name is "WORK".

If you receive WORK from your colleagues, your boss, via e-mail, or from anyone else, do not touch it under any circumstances. This virus wipes out your private life completely.

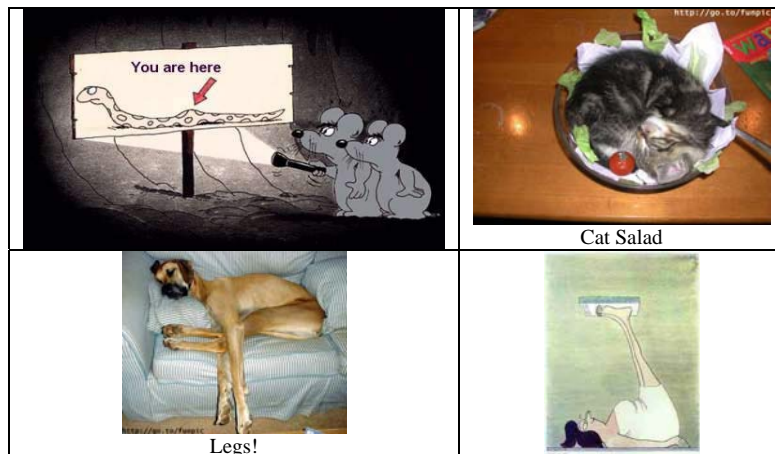
If you should happen to come in contact with this virus, take two friends and go straight to the nearest bar. Order drinks immediately and after three rounds, you will find that WORK has been completely deleted from your system.

Forward this virus warning immediately to at least five friends. Should you realize you do not have five friends, this means you are already infected by this virus and WORK already controls your life. If this is the case, go to the bar and stay until you make at least five friends. Then retry.

I think I have five friends, but am not entirely positive so I'm headed for the bar anyway.....it never hurts to be safe.



That's it for this time,
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Legs!

Cat Salad

Some Pratt-cal Things

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You know you are in year 2004 when:



1. You just tried to enter your password on the microwave.
2. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
3. You call your son's beeper to let him know it's time to eat. He e-mails you back from his bedroom, "What's for dinner?"
4. Your daughter sells Girl Scout Cookies via her Web site.
5. You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa, but you haven't spoken with your next door neighbor yet this year.
6. You check the ingredients on a can of chicken noodle soup to see if it contains Echinacea.
7. Your grandmother asks you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a screen saver.
8. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home.
9. Every commercial on television has a Web site address at the bottom of the screen.
10. You buy a computer and 6 months later it is out of date and now sells for half the price you paid.
11. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 years

of your life, is cause for panic and turning around to go get it.

12. Using real money, instead of credit or debit, to make a purchase would be a hassle and takes planning.

13. Cleaning up the dining room means getting the fast food bags out of the back seat of your car.

14. Your reason for not staying in touch with family is that they do not have e-mail addresses.

15. You consider second-day air delivery painfully slow.

16. Your dining room table is now your flat filing cabinet.

17. Your idea of being organized is multiple-coloured Post-it notes.

18. You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in person.

19. You get an extra phone line so you can get phone calls.

20. You disconnect from the Internet and get this awful feeling, as if you just pulled the plug on a loved one.

21. You get up in morning and go online before getting your coffee.

22. You wake up at 2am to go to the bathroom and check your E-mail on your way back to bed.

23. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)



Common Knowledge Test

This is cool. Try this!! No cheating!! Memphis Test

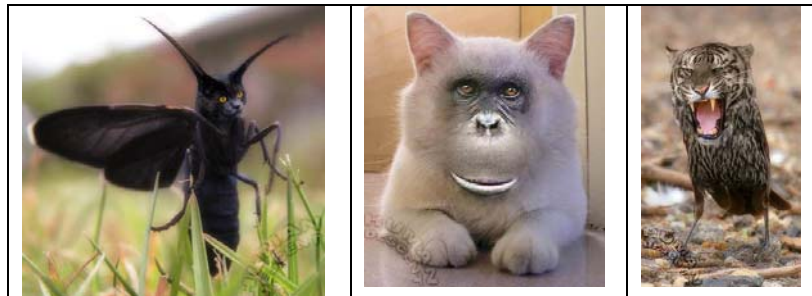
There are 29 questions about things we see every day or have known about all our lives. How many can you get right? These little simple questions are harder than you think--it just shows you how little we pay attention to the common place things of life. Put your thinking caps on.

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, Sneezzy, 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 on the next page until you complete all the questions.....*



Adopt a pet

1. Bottom
2. 50 (please tell me you got this one!)
- 3 Right
4. Blue, red, white, yellow, black, & gold
5. Q, Z
6. 1, ! 0
7. Right
8. 20
9. Red
10. 88

11. Counter (north of the equator)
12. Towards bottom right
13. 12 (no #1)
14. Left
15. Top
16. clockwise as you look at it
17. Roosevelt
18. 8
19. Left
20. 5

21. 6
22. Bashful
23. 8
24. Ace of spades
25. Left
26. ONE
27. *, #
28. 3
29. Counter



A-----Chuuuuu

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-three students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and moms freely brushed away tears. This class would not pray during the commencements ----- not by choice but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it. The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine.....until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened. All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, "GOD BLESS YOU, each and every one of you!" And he walked off stage..

The audience exploded into applause. The graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval!



More hand art.

Grandparents

WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT? (taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds):

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of her own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man grandmother.

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the store and have lots of quarters for us.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the color of the flowers and also Why we shouldn't step on "cracks."

They don't say, "Hurry up." Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart. They have to answer questions like "why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?".

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grown ups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have snack-time before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time, and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

A 6 year old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh", he said, "She lives at the airport, and when we want her we just go get her. Then when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."



Great Andy Rooney Quotes

1. Andy Rooney on Monica.

Can you believe it? Monica turned 28 this week. It seems like only yesterday that she was crawling round the White House on her hands and knees.

2. Andy Rooney on Vegetarians.

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

3. Andy Rooney on Prisoners.

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

4. Andy Rooney on Fabric Softeners.

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

5. Andy Rooney on morning differences.

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

6. Andy Rooney on phone-in-polls.

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

7. Andy Rooney on cripes

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

8. Andy Rooney on Grandma

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



Interesting/ A scene at City Hall in San Francisco

"Next." Good morning. We want to apply for a marriage license."

"Names?"

"Tim and Jim Jones."

"Jones? Are you related? I see a resemblance."

"Yes, we're brothers."

"Brothers? You can't get married."

"Why not? Aren't you giving marriage licenses to same gender couples?"

"Yes, thousands. But we haven't had any siblings. That's incest!"

"Incest?" No, we are not gay."

"Not gay? Then why do you want to get married?"

"For the financial benefits, of course. And we do love each other.

Besides, we don't have any other prospects."

"But we're issuing marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples who've been denied equal protection under the law. If you are not gay, you can get married to a woman."

"Wait a minute. A gay man has the same right to marry a woman as I have. But just because I'm straight doesn't mean I want to marry a woman. I want to marry Jim."

"And I want to marry Tim, Are you going to discriminate against us just because we are not gay?"

"All right, all right. I'll give you your license. Next."

"Hi. We are here to get married."

"Names?"

"John Smith, Jane James, Robert Green, and June Johnson."

"Who wants to marry whom?"

"We all want to marry each other."

"But there are four of you!"

"That's right. You see, we're all bisexual. I love Jane and Robert, Jane loves me and June, June loves Robert and Jane, and Robert loves June and me. All of us getting married together is the only way that we can express our sexual preferences in a marital relationship."

"But we've only been granting licenses to gay and lesbian couples."

"So you're discriminating against bisexuals!"

"No, it's just that, well, the traditional idea of marriage is that it's just for couples."

"Since when are you standing on tradition?"

"Well, I mean, you have to draw the line somewhere."

"Who says? There's no logical reason to limit marriage to couples. The more the better. Besides, we demand our rights! The mayor says the constitution guarantees equal protection under the law. Give us a marriage license!"

"All right, all right. Next."

"Hello, I'd like a marriage license."

"In what names?"

"David Deets."

"And the other man?"

"That's all. I want to marry myself."

"Marry yourself? What do you mean?"

"Well, my psychiatrist says I have a dual personality, so I want to marry the two together. Maybe I can file a joint income-tax return."

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I'm sure we all laugh at this piece, who knows it may become reality. This activity is making a mockery of marriage!! Is this what we as a society, have come to? Marriage is the foundation of this country. We all need to do our best to preserve the sanctity of Marriage around the world.



Letter to Mom...

A mother enters her daughter's bedroom and sees a letter over the bed. With the worst premonition, she reads it with trembling hands:

Dear Mom,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm telling you that I have eloped with my new boyfriend. I'll admit I guess I was attracted to him for all the wrong reasons, with all his piercing, tattoos, and his big motorcycle. I know what we have together is true love, real passion and he is so nice to me. But

not only that Mom, I'm pregnant and Ahmed said that we will be very happy in his trailer in the woods. He wants to have many more children with me and that's one of my dreams.

I've learned that marijuana doesn't hurt anyone and we'll be growing it for us and his friends, who are providing us with all the cocaine and ecstasies we may want. In the meantime, we'll pray for the scientists to find the AIDS cure, for Ahmed to get better, he deserves it.

Don't worry Mom, I'm 15 years old now and I know how to take care of myself. Just please try to be happy for me. Some day we'll visit so you can get to know your grandchildren, I promise.

Your daughter, Judith

PS: Mom, none of the above is true. I'm at the neighbor's house. I just wanted to show you that there are worse things in life than the report card that's in my desk drawer... I love you!



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.



Stupidity -- In Honor of Stupid People

In case you needed further proof that the human race is doomed through stupidity, here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods.

On a Sears hairdryer -- Do not use while sleeping. (Damn, and that's the only time I have to work on my hair).

On a bag of Fritos -- You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside. (the shoplifter special?)

On a bar of Dial soap -- "Directions: Use like regular soap." (and that would be how???....)

On some Swanson frozen dinners -- "Serving suggestion: Defrost." (but, it's "just" a suggestion).

On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom) -- "Do not turn upside down." (well...duh, a bit late, huh!)

On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding -- "Product will be hot after heating." (..and you thought????...)

On packaging for a Rowenta iron -- "Do not iron clothes on body." (but wouldn't this save me more time)?

On Boot's Children Cough Medicine -- "Do not drive a car or operate machinery after taking this medication." (We could do a lot to reduce the rate of construction accidents if we could just get those 5-year-olds with head-colds off those forklifts.)

On Nytol Sleep Aid -- "Warning: May cause drowsiness." (and...I'm taking this because???....)

On most brands of Christmas lights -- "For indoor or outdoor use only." (as opposed to...what)?

On a Japanese food processor -- "Not to be used for the other use." (now, somebody out there, help me on this. I'm a bit curious.)

On Sainsbury's peanuts -- "Warning: contains nuts." (talk about a news flash)

On an American Airlines packet of nuts -- "Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts." (Step 3: maybe, uh...fly Delta?)

On a child's Superman costume -- "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly." (I don't blame the company. I blame the parents for this one.)

On a Swedish chainsaw -- "Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals." (Oh my God...was there a lot of this happening somewhere?)



Taxes

- Accounts Receivable Tax
- Building Permit Tax
- Capital Gains Tax
- CDL license Tax
- Cigarette Tax
- Corporate Income Tax
- Court Fines (indirect taxes)
- Dog License Tax
- Federal Income Tax
- Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)
- Fishing License Tax
- Food License Tax
- Fuel permit tax
- Gasoline Tax (42 cents per gallon)
- Hunting License Tax
- Inheritance Tax Interest expense (tax on the money)
- Inventory tax IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax)
- IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)
- Liquor Tax
- Local Income Tax

- Luxury Taxes
- Marriage License Tax
- Medicare Tax
- Property Tax
- Real Estate Tax
- Septic Permit Tax
- Service Charge Taxes
- Social Security Tax
- Road Usage Taxes (Truckers)
- Sales Taxes
- Recreational Vehicle Tax
- Road Toll Booth Taxes
- School Tax
- State Income Tax
- State Unemployment Tax (SUTA)
- Telephone federal excise tax
- Telephone federal universal service fee tax
- Telephone federal, state and local surcharge taxes
- Telephone minimum usage surcharge tax
- Telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax
- Telephone state and local tax
- Telephone usage charge tax
- Toll Bridge Taxes
- Toll Tunnel Taxes
- Traffic Fines (indirect taxation)
- Trailer registration tax
- Utility Taxes
- Vehicle License Registration Tax
- Vehicle Sales Tax
- Watercraft registration Tax
- Well Permit Tax
- Workers Compensation Tax

COMMENTS: Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago and our nation was the most prosperous in the world, had absolutely no national debt and had the largest middle class in the world.

What the hell happened?

"When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."

-- Harriet Beecher Stowe



TEST FOR PROFESSIONALS

Do not take this test unless you consider yourself a professional. The test will require you to think too deeply about the question and I do not wish for you to embarrass yourself. If you elect to take the test, scroll down and see what the correct answer is. Continue to scroll down as you move to the next question and answer. I wish you success as you determine whether or not you are a professional.

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

The correct answer is: Open the refrigerator door; put in the giraffe and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Did you say, "Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the refrigerator?" Wrong Answer.

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator; take out the giraffe put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All, and I mean ALL of the animals attend...except one....Which animal does not attend?

Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory.

Okay even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross but it is inhabited by crocodiles, and you do not have a boat. How do you get across?

Correct Answer: You jump into the river and swim across. Have you not been listening? All of the crocodiles are attending the Animal Meeting. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong, but many preschoolers got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting says this conclusively disproves the theory that most professionals have the brains of a four year old.



The Year 1904 (It's mind-boggling)!

Maybe this will boggle your mind, I know it did mine! The year is 1904 ... one hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes!

Here are some of the U.S. statistics for 1904:

1. The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.
2. Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.
3. Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
4. A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.
5. There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
6. Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.
7. The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
8. The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour.
9. The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

10. A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
11. More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.
12. Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."
13. Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
14. Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
15. Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.
16. The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.
17. The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30.
18. Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.
19. There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
20. Two of 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated high school.
21. Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."
22. Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic.
23. There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.
24. The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:
 1. Pneumonia and influenza
 2. Tuberculosis
 3. Diarrhea
 4. Heart disease
 5. Stroke

.. And I forwarded this from someone else without typing it myself, and sent it to all of you in a matter of seconds! Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years ... it staggers the mind



Wonderful WD-40

This exceptional product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. It's name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40.

The Convair Company bought it in bulk to protect their Atlas missile parts. The workers were so pleased with the product, they began smuggling (also known as "shrinkage" or "stealing") it out to use at home. The executives decided there might



be a consumer market for it and put it in aerosol cans. The rest, as they say, is history.

It is a carefully guarded recipe known only to four people. Only one of them is the "brew master." There are about 2.5 million gallons of the stuff manufactured each year. It gets its distinctive smell from a fragrance that is added to the brew. Ken East says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

Here are some of the uses:

- Protects silver from tarnishing
- Cleans and lubricates guitar strings
- Gets oil spots off concrete driveways
- Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making it slippery
- Keeps flies off cows
- Restores and cleans chalkboards
- Removes lipstick stains
- Loosens stubborn zippers
- Untangles jewelry chains
- Removes stains from stainless steel sinks
- Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill
- Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing
- Removes tomato stains from clothing
- Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots
- Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors
- Keeps scissors working smoothly
- Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes
- Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super fast slide
- Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers
- Rids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises
- Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open
- Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close
- Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers
- Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles
- Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans
- Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons and bicycles for easy handling
- Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly
- Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools
- Removes splattered grease on stove
- Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging
- Lubricates prosthetic limbs
- Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell)
- Removes all traces of duct tape
- I have even heard of folks spraying it on their arms, hands, knees to relieve arthritis pain.
- One fellow claims spraying it on fishing lures attracts fish.
- WD-40 has been designated the "official multi-purpose problem-solver of NASCAR," a ringing endorsement if there ever was one. Can WD-40 solve the Jeff Gordon problem?

In celebration of their 50th year, the company conducted a contest to learn the favorite uses of it's customers and fan club members, (Yes, there is a WD-40 Fan Club).

They compiled the information to identify the favorite use in each of the 50 states. In Georgia and Alabama the favorite use in both states was that it "penetrates stuck bolts, lug nuts, and hose ends." Florida's favorite use was "cleans and removes lovebugs from grills and bumpers."

California's favorite use was penetrating the bolts on the Golden Gate Bridge. The State of New York--WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements. No wonder they've had 50 successful years.



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

Subject: FW: crazy criminals

An off-duty police officer in Newark, NJ, had a pistol-shaped cigarette lighter, which he had been using all night while drinking at a local tavern. After many hours and drinks, he apparently mistook his 32 revolver for the lighter. When he went to light his cigarette, he shot and killed John Fazzola, who was seated 5 stools away at the bar...

In Bent Forks, Ill., kidnapers of ice-cube magnate Worth Bohnke sent a photograph of their captive to Bohnke's family. Bohnke was seen holding up a newspaper. It was not that day's edition and, in fact, bore a prominent headline relating to Nixon's trip to China. This was pointed out to the kidnapers in a subsequent phone call. They responded by sending a new photograph showing an up-to-date newspaper. Bohnke, however, did not appear in the picture. When this, too, was refused, the kidnapers became peevish and insisted that a photograph be sent to them showing all the people over at Bohnke's house holding different issues of _Success_ magazine. They provided a mailing address and were immediately apprehended. They later admitted to FBI agents they did not understand the principle involved in the photograph/newspaper concept. "We thought it was just some kind of tradition," said one. Educators agree that such mix-ups point to poor reasoning and comprehension skills, ignorance of current events, and failure to complete work in the time allotted.

Lake City, Florida: Karen Lee Joachimi, 20, was arrested for robbery of a Howard Johnson's motel. She was armed with only an electric chainsaw, which was not plugged in.

The best-laid plans of a Canadian couple in a suicide pact went awry because the weapon they used nearly as old as they are. Harold Pinna, 89, and his 92-year-old wife decided to end it all with a .22 caliber pistol that hadn't been fired in 60 years. Mr. Pinna shot his wife in the head, but the rusty bullet ricocheted off a hair curler, and she suffered only a mild scalp laceration. He then put the gun to his right ear and fired again. The shot was so weak that the bullet lodged in his ear. The dazed couple then gave themselves up to the police... it was either that or throw themselves out the first floor window...



From: JIM WELMAN welmansmtn@oregonfast.net
Thirsty Taliban

A fleeing Taliban, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghanistan desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he walked towards the image, only to find a little old Jewish man sitting at a card table with a bunch of neckties laid out on it.

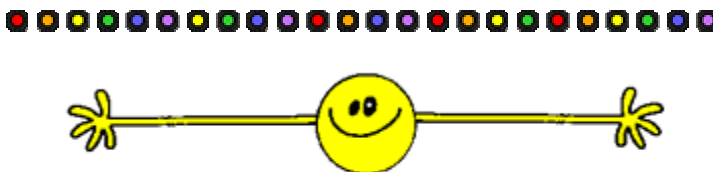
The Arab asked, "I'm dying of thirst, can I have some water?" The Jew replied, "I don't have any water, but why don't you buy a tie? They are only \$150. Here's one that goes very nicely with your robes."

The Arab shouted, "I don't want an overpriced tie, you idiot, I need water!"

The Jew replied "OK then, don't buy my ties. But to show you what a nice guy I am, I'll tell you that over that hill there, about four miles, is a nice restaurant. Walk that way; they have all the water you need." The Arab begrudgingly thanked him, then staggered away towards the hill and eventually disappeared.

Four hours later the Arab came crawling back to where the Jewish man was sitting behind his card table. The Jew said, "...I told you, about four miles over that hill. Couldn't you find it?"

The Arab rasped, "I found it all right. Your brother wouldn't let me in without a tie!"



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

--FADE TO BLACK! ☺ .

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