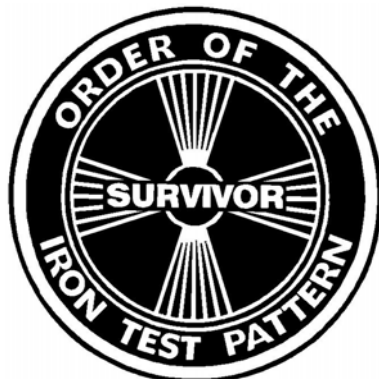


Order of the Iron Test Pattern



Newsletter

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

July 6, 2004

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

We've not received any new applications for membership, reinstatements or changes in dignity since our last newsletter.

Gene DeSantis is a new member and has the dignity of Brigadier. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is: **genedesantis@att.net**. OITP Brigadier DeSantis holds court as Director of Engineering of DG Systems in New York City.

Tim Giesler is a new member and has the dignity of Lieutenant with the endorsement of Knight of the Order Pad. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is: Tim@gbs-giesler.com. OITP Lieutenant Giesler holds court as the Vice President of GBS-Giesler Broadcast Supply, Inc. in Houston, TX 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 in late August.

These noble folks have been added to our mailing lists and posted on our website for the whole world to know they are now part of this most distinguished organization of survivors.

And just a reminder to Monochrome Mogul Mattison and OITP Admiral Schwarz that they will be shipped their certificate of membership and lapel, as ordered, as soon as we get back to our offices and off the Road Show in late August.

Also **Monochrome Mogul Mattison** has brought to our attention that he is not a new member and was reinstated in 2003 with the dignity of Galactic Tycoon and the change we made in the last action was an up-grade to Monochrome Mogul. He concluded his message by saying that he suspects that this will be the last confusing change for OITP to have to track.

All we can say is excuuuuuuuus me! We stand corrected.

From: Galactic Typhoon Phil Witt w4imm@mindspring.com
Subject: Promotion

My clock on the wall says it's time for me to be promoted to Galactic Typhoon or something like that. 45 years in this now questionably wonderful business but still going strong. And now 43 years at the same station.

Hopeless, obviously.

Take care,

Phil

Phil Witt
WCOV-TV
Montgomery, AL

(It is done!)



[Links to previous editions are available on our the website; CLICK HERE to see them.](#)



Our Website

Check out the number of visitors to our website: 8920plus. That's 300 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

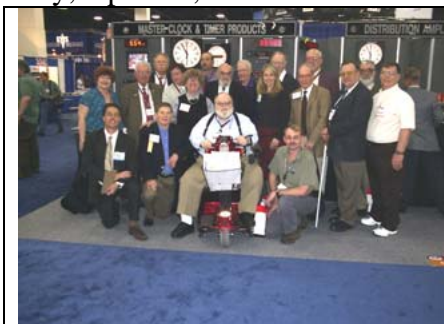


From your Sagacious Pixel

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.



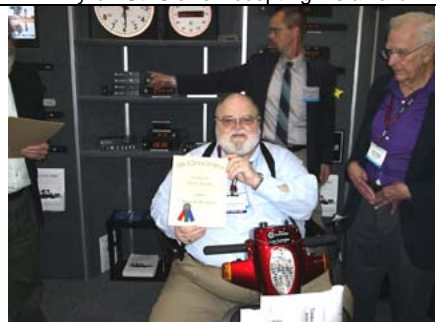
A group picture



Dr. Byron St. Claire Accepting his award.



Victoria Battison accepting he father, John Battison's award. John was Receiving an award from SBE, of which he was the founder, at the same time



The award that was presented to Steve Krant of Sundance Digital who was unable to attend due to booth duty



Chatting with some of our members.



Another group picture

Your Sagacious Pixel was finally able to retrieve the pictures from the digital camera he purchased in Las Vegas. Rather than repeat the notes from our last edition, we'll simply refer you to it.

Honorary Awards were presented to: 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 and receiving an award at the concurrent meeting of the SBE 40th Anniversary Meeting), and Steve Kratz.



The Road Show, A Taste of NAB 2004 is well on its way. As of this writing, we're in Annapolis, MD and have celebrated our nation's 228th birthday in fine style near the US Naval Academy. This week we'll be on our way to the city of brotherly love – Philadelphia to do a presentation for the SBE chapter there. For the complete itinerary, [Click here](#).



I'd like to thank the good folks at DSC labs. They have without hesitation or question been one of the ~~Order of the Iron Test Pattern~~'s greatest supporters. Not only do they sponsor our front page on the website, but they have been providing door prizes at each of our venues and small chip-chart pins for all those in attendance to don. These little pins have emblazoned on them the letters ~~OITP~~ which gives us the opportunity to explain what ~~OITP~~ means and how the survivors in the audience can join our exalted ranks.

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. 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.

For those reading this most noble and great publication for the first time, just a reminder: There are no dues or initiation fees to become a member, only the strong desire to be part of broadcast history. To join this illustrious group, please visit our website at www.OITP.org and begin receiving our monthly newsletter.



Letters from our fellow survivors

From: Tim Giesler Tim@gbs-giesler.com
Subject: Road Show in Houston
Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2004 9:59 AM

Good Morning:

I want to thank you for taking the time to visit us in Houston with the NAB Road Show. It was very informative and I believe very well done. Lots of good information for all of us to know.

I also want to let you know when I won that drawing for the item (TV gage gadget), the only reason I asked to put it back in the drawing was I had no idea what to do with it, being a "Radio Man". I thought a "TV" guy should have it. Thanks for the DVD/CD disc. That I know about and can use.

I am also in the process of mailing in my application for the Order of the Iron Test Patterns.

Hope the rest of your trip goes smoothly and safely.

Take care,
Tim Giesler
Ch. 105

(OITP Lieutenant and Knight of the Order Pad Giesler's application has been received as, noted in the Membership Activity above.)



From: Michael Millard mmillard@towerswitch.com

Subject: Thanks

Date: Friday, June 11, 2004 6:32 PM

I just wanted to say "Thanks" for the presentation last night. It was a pleasure to meet you.

I've attached an additional "Thank you" in the form of a puzzle. It's an executable file, so be sure to turn off your virus protection program before downloading it. (It's perfectly safe to download and run.)

It's a cute little way to promote The Road Show and the OITP.

Once the puzzle is completed, a little promo message appears giving the info that is printed on your business card. Also, clicking the banner at the top of the page will direct users to the www.Tech-Notes.TV website. For sentimental reasons, I left it in monochrome format 4:3 525 Interlaced.

(And some people say I have too much time on my hands...!)

It's only about 340 kilobytes, so you can even email it to friends and colleagues if you like, or put it on the web.

Although not a member of the OITP (and heaven knows I qualify!), I wanted to show my support for this wonderful organization.

So as a (Rank = "Viewer" or "Listener"?) I hereby donate this work of art to the Order for use as it deems appropriate.

Again, I really enjoyed the show. Hope to see you again next year!

Regards, Michael Millard, Member IEEE BTS, AFCCE

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(Note: the puzzle will be posted soon)



From: Frederick R. Vobbe fredv@nrcdxas.org
Subject: WLIO 50th Anniversary Show
Date: Sunday, June 06, 2004 6:49 PM

I've placed the WLIO 50th Anniversary special on my web site at <http://www.vobbe.net> .
Click on the "video" link at the left, and the segments are broken into 8 parts.

OITP Lieutenant Fred Vobbe.

NEWS

VALENTI EXITS MPAA; GLICKMAN TO SUCCEED HIM



MPAA president and CEO Jack Valenti, 82, announced his retirement recently at the Hay-Adams Hotel, with former congressman and secretary of agriculture Dan Glickman named to succeed the man who fathered the movie content ratings system. Valenti has led the motion picture trade group for

nearly 40 years.



LEGENDARY ACTOR MARLON BRANDO HAS DIED AT THE AGE OF 80



The actor died at an undisclosed Los Angeles hospital last week, his attorney David J. Seeley said. Noting that Brando was "a very private man", Seeley also withheld the cause of the death.

Brando revolutionized American acting with his Method performances in **A Streetcar Named Desire** and **On the Waterfront** and went on to create the iconic character of Don Vito Corleone in **The Godfather**.

He was equally as fascinating off the screen, being somewhat unpredictable and temperamental. Said to be the greatest actor of his generation, the two-time Academy Award winner influenced some of the best actors of the generation that followed, among them Al Pacino, Robert De Niro and Jack Nicholson.



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.*)

From: Bill Frahm wfrahm@compuserve.com

Subject: Funny things while running radials...

When we flew by helicopter 3x 200+ mile radials (to deny a 2nd adjacent app) we crossed over a couple corn fields that had patches of bright green growth in the middle. Did not land near 'em.

Setting down next to a school yard once drew quite a crowd.

And there was the issue with the State Correctional Facility. That guy in the pickup had a hell of a time trying to catch up with us. Every time he would get close, we'd take off. Never did fly over the Pen, but off to one side. Seems that someone had called in a few days earlier a tip that an escape by helicopter was being planned.

Bill Frahm - Boise



From: Gary Peterson kzerocx@rapidcity.net

Subject: Funny things while running radials...

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: Glenn Foldess Gfkillerhertz@aol.com
Subject: Funny things while running radials...

I was doing a partial on an array in the late 70's and it was still in the CB booming days. I made a measurement at a known point in front of a house and a fellow came running out and asked me what I was doing. I wasn't thinking of the ramifications of what would happen but I told him that I was from the federal government and I was looking for illegal CB transmissions. I told him to look over at that house over there, that the antenna being over 60 feet is in violation of code number ????? (I made up some number) of the commission's rules. He looked fairly surprised but also satisfied with my answer. I went back a week later to do the directional part of the measurements and found not only was the antenna gone but the entire tower all 90 or so feet of it was gone. I guess he told his neighbor about my visit.

Glenn Foldessy CPBE
WOAC TV



From: J. Carl Cooper videoengr@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Freedom of Speech

I thought you would appreciate this little story.

Carl

From a father of a U.S. soldier:

As some of you may know, one of my sons serves in the military. He is still stateside, here in California. He called me yesterday to let me know how warm and welcoming people were to him, and his troops, everywhere he goes, telling me how people shake their hands, and thank them for being willing to serve, and fight, for not only our own freedoms but so that others may have them also.

But he also told me about an incident in the grocery store he stopped at yesterday, on his way home from the base. He said that ahead of several people in front of him stood a woman dressed in a burkha. He said when she got to the cashier she loudly remarked about the US flag lapel pin the cashier wore on her smock.

The cashier reached up and touched the pin, and said proudly, "yes, I always wear it and I probably always will."

The woman in the burkha then asked the cashier when she was going to stop bombing her countrymen, explaining that she was Iraqi.

A gentleman standing behind my son stepped forward, putting his arm on my son's shoulders, and nodding towards my son, said in a calm and gentle voice to the Iraqi woman: "Lady, hundreds of thousands of men and women like this young man have fought and died so that YOU could stand here, in MY country and accuse a check-out cashier of bombing YOUR countrymen. It is my belief that had you been this outspoken in YOUR own country, we wouldn't need to be there today. But, hey, if you have now learned how to speak out so loudly and clearly, I'll gladly buy you a ticket and pay your way back to Iraq so you can straighten out the mess in YOUR country that you are obviously here in MY country to avoid."

Everyone within hearing distance cheered.

Websites to Visit

WLIO 50th Anniversary special on my web site at <http://www.vobbe.net>



From: Floyd Farrar farrfl@comcast.net
Subject: Screen Cleaner

I have been having trouble keeping my monitor screen clean. Discovered that the contaminant was coming from the inside of the glass. After considerable research, I discovered that the problem had already been solved by a firm in Alabama.

You might want to clean your monitor from the inside too, so just click on the link below. Use your mouse to get the dust off.

I found that an up and down motion gives the best results. Nothing is better than a squeaky clean screen.

<http://mirrored.flabber.nl/boob.cursor/ciagnijcycka.swf>

Warning: Go to this web site only if you are alone at the Computer. Use of this dust remover is classified and must be used in secret.

Pictures of the Month



Some humor or attempts at it

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

From: John Hettish jhettish@united.net

This is from the BROADCAST mailing list broadcast@broadcast.net

Subject: Tech Tip of the Day

Ripped off from another list and republished without attribution. I'm a real outlaw. Make sure your IT guy finds out about this. For you guys in the field the IT guy is the one who is supposed to take care of the computers at the office. The most common phrase they utter is "it can't be done".

How to Replace Mouse Balls -- Only IBM could do this. I don't know how they wrote this with a straight face. This was a real memo sent out by a computer company (IBM) to its employees in all seriousness.

Re: Replacement of Mouse Balls.

If a mouse fails to operate or should it perform erratically, it may need ball replacement. Mouse balls are now available as FRU (Field Replacement Units).

Because of the delicate nature of this procedure, replacement of mouse balls should only be attempted by properly trained personnel.

Before proceeding, determine the type of mouse balls by examining the underside of the mouse. Domestic balls will be larger and harder than foreign balls.

Ball removal procedures differ depending upon the manufacturer of the mouse.

Foreign balls can be removed using the pop off method.

Domestic balls are removed by using the twist off method.

Mouse balls are not usually static sensitive. However, excessive handling can result in sudden discharges.

Upon completion of ball replacement, the mouse may be used immediately. It is recommended that each person have a pair of spare balls for maintaining optimum customer satisfaction.

John Hettish

<http://www.mt2w.com> <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tower-pro>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Tower-Accidents> <http://www.tower-pro.net>



From: Jason Russell jyrussell@academicplanet.com

I don't normally fwd. humor stuff; generally it's just a method of harvesting. My Dad, however, sent one along I c/p'ed here I figured you might like:

Bet you didn't know this! In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon, but how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a "Monkey" with 16 round indentations. But, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it.. The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys." Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey." (And all this time, you thought that was an improper __expression, didn't you?)



From: Jerry Mathis thebeaver32@hotmail.com

Subject: You might be a redneck IT administrator

I saw this on a web newsletter I read, and this was just too good to not share. So, all you Southern Engineer/IT guys, and wannabe's, and those who like to poke fun at your job, here's:

THE TOP 11 SIGNS YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK IT ADMINISTRATOR.

(Hey, the Top Ten List has been done already, so this is a Top 11. OK?)

With apologies to Jeff Foxworthy.....

You MIGHT be a Redneck IP Administrator if:

- 11) Your spam filter accepts all content referencing the Civil War
- 10) The server-room door sign prohibits "vittles, tobaccy and 'shine"
- 9) You tell your staffers not to feel constrained to using only 0s and 1s, " 'cause there's always a place for good ol' No. 2!"
- 8) You're not surprised to discover your child process is also the parent of your other child process
- 7) You're reluctant to use the term "IP" outside the IT department
- 6) The gap from your missing tooth is just right for stripping Cat 5 jackets
- 5) When security asks to see your ID badge, you show your belt buckle
- 4) Your fire-suppression plan involves beer
- 3) You still have a daisy-wheel printer 'cuz of Daisy Duke
- 2) You name all your servers with NASCAR numbers ... but the No. 3 server is forever retired (an old P-60)

And the number one sign you might be a redneck IT administrator:

- 1) You find Bud Lite cans perfect for RF shielding

Now, there were some pretty good entries beyond the Top 11. Here are some of my favorites:

1. Black jeans are for the days you "dress up" .
2. Duct tape is a vital part of your computer room equipment
3. Your server room security is hanging in your shotgun rack
4. You purposely overwork your exchange server cause the CPU is the heat source for your still...
5. You had to move the server off the porch cause skeeters kept clogging up the vents.....
6. When overloaded shelves of old monitors collapse, 2 hunting dogs are killed.
7. You climbed a water tower with a can of spray paint to defend the honour of your Linux Distro against SCO's allegations.
8. You mount your servers on cement blocks instead of in racks.
9. Your PC speakers used to belong to the local drive-in theater.
10. The most frequently used item in your PC toolkit is duct tape.
11. You think "broadband" is the Dixie Chicks.
12. You actually can't be reached for two weeks in deer season
13. you have a wireless connection to the internet at the shooting range
14. You have ever shot a hard drive and had it mounted
15. You have changed the error/Info "ding" to the "Dixie" honk from the General Lee.
16. You have a Bottle opener on the server rack.
17. You use the CD Rom drive tray to hold your beer can.
18. If you splice your CAT5 cable with an extra 5 feet of cable and wrap it with duct tape, just 'cause it would almost reach, you might be a redneck IT Administrator.
19. And to borrow/steal/revise some directly from Mr. Foxworthy:
20. You've had to rake your server room
21. Your best network person leaves to go work at the Jiffy Lube
22. Your WLAN uses CB radios.
23. You order brown network cable cause it looks like leather.
24. Your switch IPs end in 30.06, 30.30, and .45
25. You call yourself the "Cisco Kid".
26. You get in fist fights over who's on call during Super Bowl Sunday.
27. Occasionally straddling servers- waving cowboy hat & whooping it up like
28. Pickens in Dr. Strangelove
29. The only experience you have with rack-mounts involves a shotgun.
30. Your job title is IT Administrator/Tractor Repair Technician.
31. The MCSE on your business card stands for "Manure Certified Scent Evaluator"
32. Your buddies think your coworkers are dysfunctional when you tell them you work with Unix.
33. Your pickup truck sports a picture of a little boy whizzing on a penguin.
34. You have your key to the server box attached to a large piece of wood that has SERVER engraved into it and it is hanging in your cubicle.
35. Your server rack has space reserved for your fishing pole and hunting rifle

36. When you hear a reference to spam you think about what's for lunch.
37. You paid more for your last hunting dog than your web server
38. You have your old IBM System38 or DEC/VAX up on blocks in your front yard
39. You think a Redhat distribution is just someone giving away free red hats.
40. You won't talk about IP in mixed company, as it ain't gentleman like.
41. Your mail notification is the General Lee's horn.
42. Spellcheck is turned off in your entire site.
43. The first day of fishin' season is a company holiday.
44. When you think of Gnome, you think of that ugly little statue your wife put in the yard.
45. You use your server to keep your Krispy Kreme donuts hot.
46. If you think a root directory is something that a gopher needs.
47. If you have tobacco juice on your keyboard, and it matches the coffee stain on your checkered flannel shirt.
48. Bugs in the system have a good likelihood of being squishable bugs...
49. To keep the server room clean, there's a bootjack outside the door next to a rusty folgers can...
50. If your rack cabinet has a beer tap on the side, you might be a redneck IT Administrator.
51. If your corporate e-mail strategy is AOL, you might be a redneck IT Administrator.
52. You replace all your mice with new Optical Mice so that if the power goes off you can use the little red lights for flashlights.

And FINALLY.....

You know you might be a redneck IT Administrator if...You don't see anything out of the ordinary in this list.

Jerry Mathis
LifeTalk Radio



From: Larry Albert larry.albert@murraystate.edu
Subject: Which is worth more - my dog or our server?

1. Your dog loves you and WANTS to please you.
2. Your dog never needs upgrading or updating to later versions.
3. Spaying and neutering might be akin to selecting preferences upon install.
4. Yearly shots for dog like anti-virus for server.
5. You server can not look at you with big sad eyes while slobbering and make know that you are important.

Albert



From: Floyd Farrar farrfl@comcast.net

Subject: Expensive Places

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her out to some place expensive.

.....So I took her to the gas station.



From: Allan Soifer alsoifer@rogers.com

Subject: Computer Humour

Dr. Seuss Explains Why Computers Sometimes Crash... (Read this aloud, if you can!)

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port, and the bus is interrupted at a very last resort, and the access of the memory makes your floppy disk abort, then the socket packet pocket has an error to report. If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash, and the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash, and your data is corrupted cause the index doesn't hash, then your situation's hopeless and your system's gonna crash!! If the label on the cable on the table at your house says the network is connected to the button on your mouse, but your packets want to tunnel to another protocol, that's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall, and your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss, so your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse; then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang, 'cuz sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang! When the copy of your floppy's getting sloppy in the disk, and the macro code instructions cause unnecessary risk, then you'll have to flash the memory and you'll want to RAM your ROM. Quickly turn off the computer and be sure to tell your Mom!



Burt's Humor

From: Burt I. Weiner biwa@earthlink.net



Dellshalom Kosher Computers

I don't know if you know this, but they are now selling Kosher computers (Made in Israel) called a DELLSHALOM. It is selling at such a good price I bought one. Mine arrived yesterday. If you, or a friend, are considering a kosher computer, you should know there are some important upgrades and changes from the typical computer you are used to, such as:

a. The cursor moves from right to left. It comes with two hard drives: one for fleishedik (business software) and one for milchedik (games).

b. Instead of getting a "General Protection Fault" error, it now gets "Ferklept."

- c. The Chanukah screen saver includes "Flying Dreidels."
- d. It shuts down automatically at sundown on Friday evenings.
- e. After my computer dies, I have to dispose of it within 24 hours.
- f. The "Start" button has been replaced with the "Let's go!! I'm not getting any younger!" button.
- g. When disconnecting external devices from the back of my PC, I am instructed to "Remove the cable from the PC's tuchus."
- h. The multimedia player has been renamed to "Nu, so play my music already!"
- i. Internet Explorer has a spinning "Star of David" in the upper right corner.
- j. I hear "Hava Nagila" during startup.
- k. Microsoft Office now includes, "A little byte of this, and a little byte of that."
- l. When running "Scan Disk" it prompts with a "You vant I should fix this?" message.
- m. When my PC is running low on memory, I occasionally hear a loud "Oy Gevalt!"
- n. There is a "monitor cleaning solution" from Manischewitz that advertises it gets rid of the "schmutz und drek" on your monitor.
- o. After 20 minutes of no activity, my PC goes "Schloffen."
- p. Computer viruses can now be cured with some matzo ball chicken soup.
- q. "Year 5761-5762" issues have replaced the Y2K problem.
- r. If you fail to shut down the computer in the prescribed manner, the following message appears: "You should be ashamed of yourself."
- s. When Spellchecker finds an error it prompts, "Is this the best you can do?"
- t. When I look at erotic images, my computer says, "If your mother knew you did this, she would die."
- u. And best of all, if you have a kosher computer, you can't get Spam in your e-mail.

Burt



The Rabbi

A reform congregation in New York honors its Rabbi for 25 years of service by sending him to Hawaii for a week, all expenses paid. When he walks into his hotel room, there's a beautiful girl, nude, lying on the bed. She says, "Hi, Rabbi, I'm a little something extra that the president of the board arranged for you! The Rabbi is incensed. He picks up the phone, calls the President of the Temple Board and says, "Greenberg, what were you thinking, where is your respect? I am the moral leader of our community! I am very, very angry with you. You have not heard the end of this!"

The girl gets up and starts to get dressed. The Rabbi turns to her and says, "Where are you going? I'm not angry with you.



TO GOD FROM THE DOG

Dear God: Why do humans smell the flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another?

Dear God: When we get to heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it going to be the same old story?

Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We dogs love a nice ride! Would it be so hard to rename the 'Chrysler Eagle' the Chrysler Beagle'?

Dear God: If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God: We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent ID's, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God: More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God: When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?

Dear God: Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God: Let me give you a list of just some of the things I must remember to be a good dog:

1. I will not eat the cats' food before they eat it or after they throw it up.
2. I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc., just because I like the way they smell.
3. I will not munch on "leftovers" in the kitty litter box; although they are tasty, they are not food.
4. The diaper pail is not a cookie jar.
5. The sofa is not a face towel; neither are Mom and Dad's laps.
6. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.
7. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
8. I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mom's driver's license and registration.

9. I will not play tug-of-war with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.
10. Sticking my nose into someone's crotch is not an acceptable introduction.
11. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
12. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house.
13. I will not throw up in the car.
14. I will not come in from outside and immediately drag my rear end across the floor.
15. I will not sit in the middle of the living room and lick my crotch when company is over.
16. The cat is not a squeaky toy; so when I play with him and he makes that noise, it's usually not a good thing.

And, finally, my last question:

Dear God: When I get to Heaven, may I please have my private parts back?



Over 30 -- People over 30 should be dead.

Here's why

1. According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40's, 50's, 60's, or even maybe the early 70's probably shouldn't have survived.
2. Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint.
3. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.)
4. As children, we would ride in cars with no seatbelts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.
5. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors!
6. We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.
7. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.
8. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.
9. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. NO CELL PHONES!!!! ... Unthinkable!
10. We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms.
11. We had friends! We went outside and found them.
12. We played dodge ball, and sometimes, the ball would really hurt.
13. We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.
14. They were accidents. No one was to blame but us. Remember accidents?
15. We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

16. We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.
17. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them.
18. Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.
19. Some students weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade. ... Horrors!
20. Tests were not adjusted for any reason.
21. Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected.
22. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of.
23. They actually sided with the law... Imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And you're one of them!

Congratulations!

We had the luck to grow up as kids, before lawyers and government regulated our lives, for our own good !!!!! People under 30 are WIMPS !



Old but Funny...

A journalist heard about an old Jew who had been going to the Wailing Wall to pray, twice a day, everyday, for a long, long time. So she went to check it out. She walked up to the Wailing Wall and there he was! She watched him pray and after about 45 minutes, when he turned to leave, she approached him for an interview. "I'm Rebecca Smith from CNN. Sir, how long have you been coming to the Wailing Wall and praying?"

"For about 50 years."

"50 years! That's amazing! What do you pray for?"

"I pray for peace between the Jews and the Arabs. I pray for all the hatred to stop and I pray for our children to grow up in safety and friendship."

"How do you feel after doing this for 50 years?"

"Like I'm talking to a wall."





Some Pratt-cal Things

From: Jim Pratt jpratt@stny.rr.com

Taps

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps were played; this brings out a new meaning of it Here is something EVERY AMERICAN should know.

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught this breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" ... used at military funerals was born. The words are:

Day is done... Gone the sun ...From the lakes ...From the Hills From the sky...All is well ... Safely rest ... God is nigh ...Fading light ... Dims the sight And a star ...Gems the sky...Gleaming bright ... From afar . Drawing nigh ...Falls the night ...Thanks and praise ... For our days ... Neath the sun ... Neath the stars...Neath the sky ... As we go ... This we know ... God is nigh...



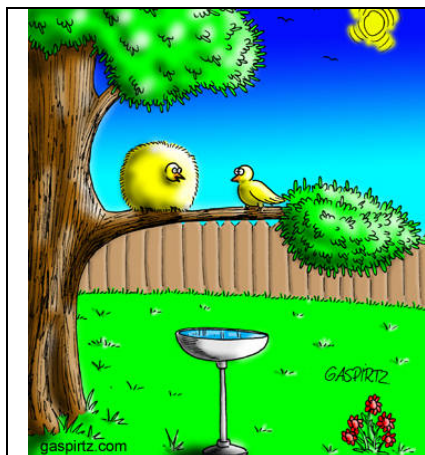
REMEMBER THOSE LOST AND HARMED WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY.
And also those presently serving in the Armed Forces...





Words of Wisdom

1. Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
2. The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
3. Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.
4. There are two kinds of pedestrians -- the quick and the dead.
5. Life is sexually transmitted.
6. An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.
7. If quitters never win, and winners never quit, then who is the fool who said "Quit while you're ahead?"
8. Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
9. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
10. Get the last word in: Apologize.!
11. Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach that person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks.
12. Some people are like Slinkies...not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.
13. Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they use to?
14. Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
15. All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
16. Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut saves you thirty cents?
17. In the 60s, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.
18. Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.
19. How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a barbecue?



Some asshole poured fabric softener in the bird bath.



Once upon a time there were 3 little pigg.
so I ate them. End of story. Now go to sleep!



"You're fired, Jack. The lab results
just came back, and you tested
positive for Coke."

Baby planes?

A mother and her young inquisitive son were flying Southwest Airlines from Kansas City to Chicago. The son (who had been looking out the window) turned to his mother and asked, "If dogs have baby dogs and cats have baby cats, why don't planes have baby planes?"

The mother (who couldn't think of an answer) told her son to ask the flight attendant. So the boy dutifully asked the flight attendant, "If dogs have baby dogs and cats have baby cats, why don't planes have baby planes?" The flight attendant responded, "Did your mother tell you to ask me that?" The little boy admitted that she did.

"Well, then, tell your mother that there are no baby planes because Southwest always pulls out on time. Now, let your mother explain that to you."



INSTALLING LOVE

Tech Support: Yes, how can I help you?

Customer: Well, after much consideration, I've decided to install Love. Can you guide me through the process?

Tech Support: Yes. I can help you. Are you ready to proceed?

Customer: What do I do first?

Tech Support: The first step is to open your Heart. Have you located your Heart?

Customer: Yes, but there are several other programs running now. Is it okay to install Love while they are running?

Tech Support: What programs are running ?

Customer: Let's see, I have Past Hurt, Low Self-Esteem, Grudge and Resentment running right now.

Tech Support: No problem, Love will gradually erase Past Hurt from your current operating system. It may remain in your permanent memory but it will no longer disrupt other programs. Love will eventually override Low Self Esteem with a module of its own called High Self-Esteem. However, you have to completely turn off Grudge and Resentment. These programs prevent Love from being properly installed. Can you turn those off?

Customer: I don't know how to turn them off. Can you tell me how?

Tech Support: With pleasure. Go to your start menu and invoke Forgiveness. Do this as many times as necessary until Grudge and Resentment have been completely erased.

Customer: Okay, done! Love has started installing itself. Is that normal?

Tech Support: Yes, but remember that you have only the base program. You need to begin connecting to other Hearts in order to get the upgrades.

Customer: Oops! I have an error message already. It says, "Error - Program not run on external components". What should I do?

Tech Support: Don't worry. It means that the Love program is set up to run on Internal Hearts, but has not yet been run on your Heart. In non-technical terms, it simply means you have to Love yourself before you can Love others.

Customer: So, what should I do?

Tech Support: Pull down Self-Acceptance; then click on the following files: Forgive-Self; Realize Your Worth; and Acknowledge your Limitations.

Customer: Okay, done.

Tech Support: Now, copy them to the "My Heart" directory. The system will overwrite any conflicting files and begin patching faulty programming. Also, you need to delete Verbose Self-Criticism from all directories and empty your Recycle Bin to make sure it is completely gone and never comes back.

Customer: Got it. Hey! My heart is filling up with new files. Smile is playing on my monitor and Peace and Contentment are copying themselves all over My Heart. Is this normal?

Tech Support: Sometimes. For others it takes awhile, but eventually everything gets it at the proper time. So Love is installed and running.

One more thing before we hang up. Love is Freeware. Be sure to give it and its various modules to everyone you meet. They will in turn share it with others and return some cool modules back to you.



Classes for Men

NOTE: DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY AND DIFFICULTY LEVEL OF THEIR CONTENTS, CLASS SIZES WILL BE LIMITED TO 8 PARTICIPANTS MAXIMUM.

Class 1

How To Fill Up The Ice Cube Trays --- Step by Step, with Slide Presentation.
Meets 4 weeks, Monday and Wednesday for 2 hours beginning at 7:00 PM.

Class 2

The Toilet Paper Roll --- Does It Change Itself?

Round Table Discussion. Meets 2 weeks, Saturday 12:00 for 2 hours.

Class 3

Is It Possible To Urinate Using The Technique Of Lifting The Seat and Avoiding The Floor, Walls and Nearby Bathtub? --- Group Practice.

Meets 4 weeks, Saturday 10:00 PM for 2 hours.

(Note: this class meets at O'Malley's Brew Pub on 16th Street)

Class 4

Fundamental Differences Between The Laundry Hamper and The Floor --- Pictures and Explanatory Graphics.

Meets Saturdays at 2:00 PM for 3 weeks.

Class 5

After Dinner Dishes --- Can They Levitate and Fly Into The Kitchen Sink?

Examples on Video. Meets 4 weeks, Tuesday and Thursday for 2 hours beginning at 7:00 PM

Class 6

Loss Of Identity --- Losing The Remote To Your Significant Other.

Help Line Support and Support Groups. Meets 4 Weeks, Friday and Sunday 7:00 PM.

Class 7

Learning How To Find Things --- Starting With Looking In The Right Places And Not Turning The House Upside Down While Screaming.

Open Forum. Monday at 8:00 PM, 2 hours.

Class 8

Health Watch --- Bringing Her Flowers Is Not Harmful To Your Health.

Graphics and Audio Tapes. Three nights; Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 9

Real Men Ask For Directions When Lost --- Real Life Testimonials.

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Location to be determined.

Class 10

Is It Genetically Impossible To Sit Quietly While She Parallel Parks?

Driving Simulations. 4 weeks, Saturday's noon, 2 hours.

Class 11

Learning to Live --- Basic Differences Between Mother and Wife.

Online Classes and role-playing.



Class 12

How to be the Ideal Shopping Companion --- Relaxation Exercises, Meditation and Breathing Techniques.

Meets 4 weeks, Tuesday and Thursday for 2 hours beginning at 7:00 PM.

Class 13

How to Fight Cerebral Atrophy --- Remembering Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Important Dates and Calling When You're Going To Be Late. Cerebral Shock Therapy Sessions and Full Lobotomies Offered.

Three nights; Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 14

The Stove/Oven --- What It Is and How It Is Used. Live Demonstration.

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM, location to be determined.

Upon completion of any of the above courses, diplomas will be issued to the survivors.



MARTHA STEWART'S TIPS FOR REDNECKS

General

- 1) Never take a beer to a job interview.
- 2) Always identify people in your yard before shooting at them.
- 3) It's considered tacky to take a cooler to church.
- 4) If you have to vacuum the bed, it is time to change the sheets.
- 5) Even if you're certain that you are included in the will, it is still considered tacky to drive a U-Haul to the funeral home.

Dining Out

- 1) When decanting wine, make sure that you tilt the paper cup, and pour slowly so as not to "bruise" the fruit of the wine.
- 2) If drinking directly from the bottle, always hold it with your fingers covering the label.

Entertaining in your home

- 1) A centerpiece for the table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist.
- 2) Do not allow the dog to eat at the table...no matter how good his manners are.

Personal Hygiene

- 1) While ears need to be cleaned regularly, this is a job that should be done in private using one's OWN truck keys.

- 2) Proper use of toiletries can forestall bathing for several days. However, if you live alone, deodorant is a waste of good money.
- 3) Dirt and grease under the fingernails is a social no-no, as they tend to detract from a woman's jewelry and alter the taste of finger foods.

Dating (outside the family)

- 1) Always offer to bait your date's hook, especially on the first date.
- 2) Be aggressive. Let her know you're interested: "I've been wanting to go out with you since I read that stuff on the bathroom wall two years ago."
- 3) Establish with her parents what time she is expected back. Some will say 10:00 PM; Others might say "Monday." If the latter is the answer, it is the man's responsibility to get her to school on time.

Theater Etiquette

- 1) Crying babies should be taken to the lobby and picked up immediately after the movie has ended.
- 2) Refrain from talking to characters on the screen. Tests have proven they can't hear you.

Weddings

- 1) Livestock, usually, is a poor choice for a wedding gift.
- 2) Kissing the bride for more than 5 seconds may get you shot.
- 3) For the groom, at least, rent a tux. A leisure suit with a cummerbund and a clean bowling shirt can create a tacky appearance.
- 4) Though uncomfortable, say "yes" to socks and shoes for this special occasion.

Driving Etiquette

- 1) Dim your headlights for approaching vehicles; Even if the gun is loaded, and the deer is in sight.
- 2) When approaching a four-way stop, the vehicle with the largest tires always has the right of way.
- 3) Never tow another car using panty hose and duct tape.
- 4) When sending your wife down the road with a gas can, it is impolite to ask her to bring back beer.
- 5) Do not lay rubber while traveling in a funeral procession.



Actual Classified Ads In Newspapers:

- FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER. 8 YEARS OLD. HATEFUL LITTLE DOG. BITES.
- FREE PUPPIES: 1/2 COCKER SPANIEL 1/2 SNEAKY NEIGHBOR'S DOG.
- FREE PUPPIES.... PART GERMAN SHEPHERD, PART STUPID DOG.
- GERMAN SHEPHERD 85 lbs. NEUTERED. SPEAKS GERMAN. FREE.
- FOUND: DIRTY WHITE DOG. LOOKS LIKE A RAT... BEEN OUT AWHILE... BETTER BE A REWARD.
- 1 MAN, 7 WOMAN HOT TUB -- \$850/offer

- SNOW BLOWER FOR SALE... ONLY USED ON SNOWY DAYS.
- COWS, CALVES NEVER BRED.... ALSO 1 GAY BULL FOR SALE.
- NORDIC TRACK \$300 HARDLY USED, CALL CHUBBY.
- HUMMERS - LARGEST SELECTION EVER - "IF IT'S IN STOCK, WE HAVE IT!"
- GEORGIA PEACHES, CALIFORNIA GROWN - 89 cents lb.
- NICE PARACHUTE: NEVER OPENED - USED ONCE.
- TIRED OF WORKING FOR ONLY \$9.75 PER HOUR? WE OFFER PROFIT SHARING AND FLEXIBLE HOURS. STARTING PAY: \$7 -- \$9 PER HOUR.
- EXERCISE EQUIPMENT: QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS & BOX SPRINGS - \$175.
- JOINING NUDIST COLONY! MUST SELL WASHER & DRYER \$300.
- ALZHEIMER'S CENTER PREPARES FOR AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER.
- OPEN HOUSE: BODY SHAPERS TONING SALON. FREE COFFEE & DONUTS.
- (AND THE BEST ONE)
- FOR SALE BY OWNER: Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica. 45 volumes. Excellent condition. \$1,000.00 or best offer. No longer needed. Got married last month..... Wife knows everything.



From: Bill. C. Bean bill.c.bean@exgate.tek.com

Subject: FW: Thoughts for Today....

- There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.
- When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- Don't assume malice for what stupidity can explain.
- A penny saved is a government oversight.
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- He who hesitates is probably right.
- If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody. (DemocRATs, John Kerry, etc.)
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame. The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- Did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "THEIRS"?



Far out Farrar

From: Floyd Farrar farrfl@comcast.net

Get us out!!!!!!



It is time to take a serious look at our involvement there.

Every day there are news reports about more deaths. Every night on the TV are photos of death and destruction. Why are we still there?

The land is too large to secure all of it. The bad people causing this damage can roam anywhere, and we can't possibly police the whole place. Why are we still there?

We occupied this land, which we had to take by force, but it causes us nothing but trouble. Why are we still there?

Their government is unstable, and in the process of changing. Why are we still there?

Refugees are fleeing by the thousands, driven from their homes. They have no jobs. Why are we still there?

It will cost billions to rebuild, which we can't afford. Why are we still there?

There are more than 1000 religious sects.

We can't even secure the borders. Why are we still there?

And to repeat. Every day we hear of more Americans killed in this dangerous land.

It is clear! We must abandon California now!



Jiffy

Owing to the advance in medical technology, surgical technique and the fact that silicone breast implants have been determined to be perfectly safe, a California cosmetic surgery practice is opening a new office where breast augmentation surgery is done on an outpatient basis in about 30 minutes.

They are going to call the practice, "Jiffy Boob."



Famous Words (old but still good)

I once had a rose named after me. I was very flattered, but not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: "No good in a bed, but fine up against a wall". (Eleanor Roosevelt)

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning & a good ending, & to have them as close together as possible. (George Burns)

Santa Claus has the right idea - visit people only once a year. (Victor Borge)

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. (Mark Twain)

What would men be without women? Scarce, sir, mighty scarce. (Mark Twain)

By all means marry: If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. (Socrates)

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. (Groucho Marx)

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech - every now and then she stops to breathe. (Jimmy Durante)

The male is a domestic animal which, if treated with firmness & kindness, can be trained to do most things. (Jilly Cooper)

I never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. (Zsa Zsa Gabor)

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: Alcohol, caffeine, sugar & fat. (Oscar Levant)

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first. (Mark Twain)

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. (Ed Furgol)

Money can't buy you happiness, but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. (Spike Milligan)

What's the use of happiness? It can't buy you money. (Henny Youngman)

I am opposed to millionaires, but it would be dangerous to offer me the position. (Mark Twain)

Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was "shut up." (Joe Namath)

I'm very pleased to be here. Let's face it, at my age I'm very pleased to be anywhere. (George Burns)

At my age flowers scare me. (George Burns)

Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life. (Herbert Henry Asquith)

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, & lie about your age. (Lucille Ball)

I don't feel old - I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. (Bob Hope)

A woman drove me to drink - and I hadn't even the courtesy to thank her. (W.C. Fields)

I was walking down the street and I stumbled upon a case of bourbon, and I went on stumbling for three weeks there after! (W.C. Fields)

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it. (W.C. Fields)

It takes only one drink to get me drunk. The trouble is, I can't remember if it's the 13th or the 14th. (George Burns)

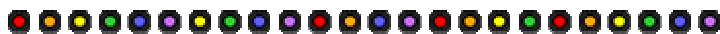
If only God would give me some sign...a clear sign! Like making a large deposit in my name at a Swiss bank. (Selections from the Allen Notebooks, New Yorker)

Another good thing about being poor is that when you are seventy your children will not have you declared legally insane in order to gain control of your estate. (Woody Allen)

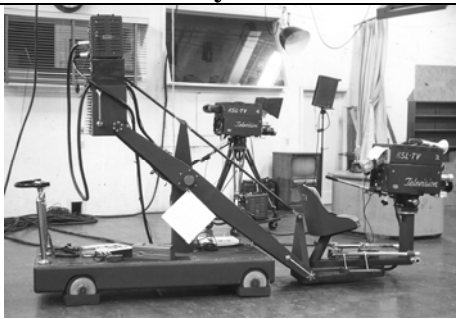
If you want to make GOD laugh, tell him your future plans. (Woody Allen)

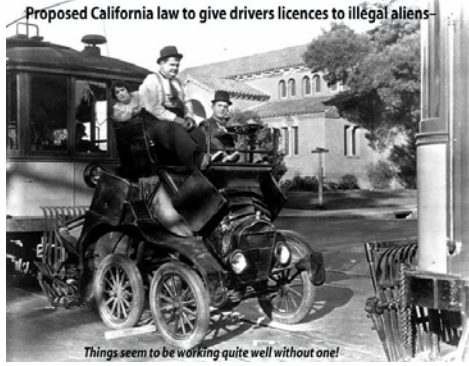
Those are my principles. If you don't like them - I have others. (Groucho Marx)

Last week I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister & now wish to withdraw that statement. (Mark Twain)



Pictures that say it all





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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