

Order of the Iron Test Pattern



Newsletter

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

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

(Things printed in **blue type** 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

Well now that we've survived and safely returned from our annual trek around the country (The Road Show – A Taste of NAB 2004), we can get down to the business of making and sending out the certificates to those kind folks who not only have been waiting, such as OITP Brigadier DeSantis, OITP Lieutenant Giesler, Monochrome Mogul Mattison and OITP Admiral Schwarz, but also to the new, re-instated and up-graded folks we're now going to list. All will be shipped their certificate of membership and lapel, as ordered, as soon as we can get them made and to the post office, which should be this week. Again – thanks for your patience.

The New folks

Henry M. Hambleton is a new member and has the dignity of Monochrome Mogul surviving over 50 years in our industry. Monochrome Mogul Hambleton also has the endorsements of Knight of the Final Amplifier and Knight of the Geosynchronous Stuff. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is: Rollingthbunder55@sbcglobal.net. Monochrome Mogul Hamblerton holds court at his home – he’s retired – in Olathe, KS. He will be receiving his certificate of membership and lapel pin very soon with the endorsements of the endorsements of Knight of the Geosynchronous Stuff and Knight of the Final Amplifier for his work with satellites and Transmitters.

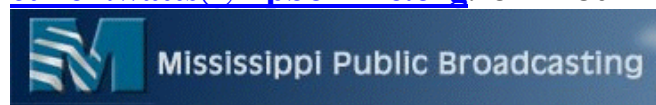


Monochrome Mogul Hamblerton worked for RCA in Lancaster, PA. He designed camera tubes & components having worked on the Tiros Weather Satellites, the early lunar probes and won the Emmy for Technical Achievement in 1961 as part of a team that developed the 4½ image orthicon. Receiving an Emmy for developing the 4½ image orthicon tube is only fitting as the term “Emmy” was given to the award by Harry [Lubcke](#) and it was selected from a term that [Lubcke](#) used for the Image Orthicon.

Stephen R. Olson is a new member and has the dignity of Commodore surviving since 1977 in our industry. OITP Commodore Olson also has the endorsement of Knight of the Order Pad for his work as a salesman. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is steve-olson@wi.rr.com. OITP Commodore Olson holds court in Franklin, WI as the North Central Sales Manager for Quartz Electronics. He will be receiving his certificate of membership and lapel pin very soon with the endorsement of Knight of the Order Pad for his work as a peddler.



Cullen Watts is a new member and has the dignity of Commodore having survived our industry since 1975. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is cullen.watts@mpbonline.org. OITP Commodore Watts holds court as a Project Technician for Mississippi Educational Broadcasting in Jackson, MS. He wants to be the “Corporal of Chroma” and wishes an endorsement of “Color Chip.” OITP Commodore Watts, our only Color Chip, will receive his certificate of membership very soon.



John R. Barnett is a new member and has the dignity of Brigadier having survived our industry since 1972. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is WA7YWL@MSN.com. Brigadier Barnett holds court as owner of Barnett Professional Services in Spokane, WA, and will receive his certificate of membership very soon with the endorsements of Knight of the Hip-pity-Hop Signal and Knight of the Final Amplifier for his work with translators and transmitters.



Truett K. Smith is a new member and has the dignity of General having survived our industry since 1966. If you'd like to congratulate him, his E-mail address is **TKSmith@M-Bits.com**. OITP General Smith holds court as President of M/Bits, Inc. in Nashville, TN. If OITP General Smith were getting a certificate, it would have the endorsements of Knight of the Geosynchronous Stuff and Knight of the Final Amplifier for his work with satellites and Transmitters.

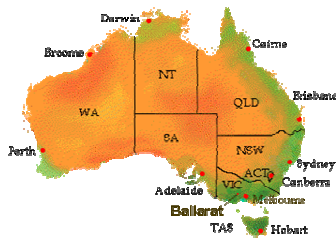


We have two survivors from down-under - Australia:



George Usher is a new member and has the dignity of Monochrome Mogul having survived in our industry since 1959. Monochrome Mogul Usher gets this dignity as they didn't have "colour" (PAL) in Australia until 1975. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail

address is – C/O **waynebrt@adam.com.au**. Monochrome Mogul Usher holds court as Chief Engineer of UTEL Digital Magic in Kilburn, South Australia. He will be receiving his certificate of membership and lapel pin very soon (no slow boats – we promise).



Wayne Bertram is a new member and has the dignity of Commodore having survived since 1976 in our industry. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is **waynebrt@adam.com.au**.

OITP Commodore Bertram holds court as an "Assistant Teche Guy," also of UTEL Digital Magic in Kilburn, South Australia. He will be receiving his certificate of membership and lapel pin very soon (and again, no slow boats – we promise).



[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: 9480 plus. That's 560 more new visitors since our last edition that have visited us. Remember: our counter only counts a visiting IP address once.

WWW.OITP.org



From your Sagacious Pixel

Larry Bloomfield

For openers: It's good to be home! Begin on the road for four months is a bit much, but it had its compensations. First we (Mrs. Sagacious Pixel and I) got to see our grandchildren and second we got to meet some of our fellow survivors – some currently members of our august organization and others who just haven't seen the multiplicity of benefits in belonging to our fine group of distinguished survivors. In any event, we back at the Galactic Headquarters resuming flank-speed while attempting to get caught up with all the little things that tend to build during such a trek.

The statistics probably describe the success of the Road show best. We've added comments to them as they apply to us survivors.

Statistics on the Road Show – A Taste of NAB 2004

As of September 7, 2004

- Venues: Forty-eight (<http://www.tech-notes.tv/2004/2004-1-Itinerary.htm>) 96% at local SBE Chapter meetings. *The other 4% were ~~Order of the Iron Test Pattern~~ events.*
- Duration: Four months. (April 23rd – August 23rd)
- Traveled: Eighteen-thousand miles.
- Attendance: 1105+ broadcast industry folks. *Many were fellow survivors.*
- Target audience: Broadcast Engineers and Technicians
- Received: 119 E-mail thanking us and/or asking us to return next year (2005). (http://www.tech-notes.tv/2004/2004_comments.pdf)
- Collected 809 business cards, over half of which were hand-written on the blanks we provided.
- Door prizes given away: over \$45,000 spread over the 48 venues and another \$10,000 give away at the end of the tour. (<http://www.tech-notes.tv/2004/2004-1.htm>) Local winners on each venue's page and end of tour winners at URL above.
- Return on investment: incalculable and beyond our wildest expectations. – Very successful.
- Conclusion: NO other technical Road Show even comes close to these figures. You be crazy not to join in on The Road Show – A Taste of NAB 2005.

We started with eleven sponsors and ended up with twelve. Those kind folks are (the blue underscored words are links to each company's respective website:

*1. [COBALT DIGITAL Inc.](#), *2. [ESE, Inc.](#), *3. [LightningMaster Corp.](#), *4. [www.inphase-technologies.com](#), *5. [Larcan USA \(low power & Translators\)](#), 6. [Sundance Digital](#), 7. [Leader Instruments Corp.](#), 8. [Quartz Electronics, Inc.](#), 9. [Asaca/Shibasoku Corp.](#) & America. – Sony, 10. <http://www.riedel.net>, 11. [\(ERI\) Electronics Research, Inc.](#) and 12. [www.Globalstor.com](#).

We were also joined by [AJA Video Systems](#) at sixteen of our forty-eight venues.

* These companies have asked us to represent them when we're not doing the Road Show, so if you need any of their products or services, please contact us.

Attending the presentations at one or more of the forty-eight venues had its benefits too. We had two categories of door prizes: Hi-ticket items that were given away at the end of the Road Show and those that were given away at each venue.

The hi-ticket items were and donated by:

Fluke Corp. (A [model 189](#) multimeter), **Sencore** ([NMA-1420 - Mongoose](#) MPEG-2 Network Analyzer Monitor, in real time, incoming Transport Stream), **Harris Corporation, Broadcast Communications Division** ([a Blue Sky 5.1 Professional studio monitoring system](#)), **AJA Video** ([an FR1D 1 RU, 4-slot mounting frame with dual power supplies](#) fully loaded), and **ADS** ([an HDTV up converter to up convert standard def. video to HDTV in your home](#)). The total on these five items is well over \$10,000.00.

The venue-by-venue drawings consisted of items from the following:

[Clark Wire & Cable](#) (A \$50.00 gift certificate from their catalogue) [DSC](#) Laboratories, the kind sponsors of our title page on the website, (Chip Charts), [ADS](#) (A device that will permit you to take either S-Video or Component NTSC and gives you a USB output), Verbatim gave us a pack of 3 [DVDs](#) and 5 [CDs](#) (there were two drawings for this prize at each venue), [AJA Video Systems](#) (a D4E D/A Converter (SDI to NTSC/PAL or Y/C – with power supply), [Sennheiser Electronics Corp.](#) (a pair of HD212 Pro headphones), [COBALT Digital](#) (a Model 4040 converter which converts SDI to analog composite, Y/C, or component), [SMPTE](#) (A complete CD of all current SMPTE television standards), [ESE](#) (an "ESE" Polo-Shirt), [ASACA](#) (an "ASACA" T-Shirt), [Sundance Digital](#) (a "Sundance" T-Shirt), [LightningMasters](#) (a "LightningMasters" Polo-Shirt) and [Electronic Research, Inc.](#) (ERI) (a slide rule and a reprint of a 1920's Electronics Course). These venue-by-venue prizes totaled over \$1,000.00



Finances

I'll be going over to see a CPA this next week and see what it will take for our corporation to change from an LLC to a non-profit status. This would then permit each and every one of you to use the business card ads, page sponsorships, purchase of certificates etc. as a tax write-off. In any case, I'm trying, but if it cost very much to do it, we'll have to put it off for a while. Any input on this subject is appreciated. (Sagacious_Pixel@OITP.org)



Speaking of finances, as you know, we have no sponsors except for the website page sponsorship ([DSC labs](#)) and the revenue we receive from the businesses cards on The Business Card Page of our website: <http://www.tech-notes.tv/www.oitp.org/buscard.htm>. We've got lots of pages and only one sponsor. This takes care of the web-hosting services (and e-mail lists) and other funding of our meager activities is done with the funds we receive from the sale of membership



certificates, lapel pins, etc.



The dates on each of the business cards are the date that the placement expires. As you can see, we've let a few linger on, but we're contacting each to find out their intentions. If you feel so inclined, we'd be happy to put your business card on the website. Just contact me (Sagacious_Pixel@OITP.org) and I'll do the rest.

There are neither membership dues nor initiation fees, so "what you see is what you get," so to speak. The price is certainly right. No one here at the Galactic Headquarters gets paid anything for doing all this. It's a work of love (*choke-choke*). The only folks who see our money are the Web-hosting folks, the stationary store, the awards maker, the CPA and the IRS.

I'm, not asking for donations, but you might check the membership page to see if you're eligible for an up grade in your dignity(<http://www.oitp.org/Membershiplist.html>) or you can even get a certificate for an unsuspecting, but deserving, associate. Just remember: our certificates come with three guarantees: First we guarantee that it is a certificate, Second we guarantee it will draw flies and Third we guarantee people will walk up to it and say: "What in the hell is that?" We do not promise however what order these guarantees will manifest themselves.



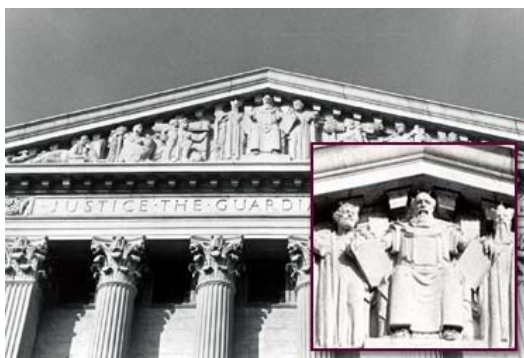
If you know of any stories from broadcasting's past, let us know. We'd like to run them. Also, we've not had any entries on the "Can you top this" page (<http://www.oitp.org/topthis.htm>) of the website for sometime. I know there are those of you who'd like to toot yours or someone else's' horn.



Letters from our fellow survivors

The submitter of this item asked to remain anonymous.
DID YOU KNOW?

As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view. It is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!



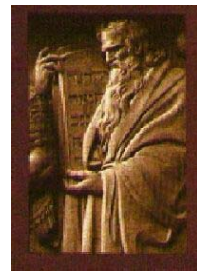
DID YOU KNOW?



As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

DID YOU KNOW?

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, there is a display of the Ten Commandments!



DID YOU KNOW?

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

DID YOU KNOW?



James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement:

"We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

DID YOU KNOW?



Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ".

DID YOU KNOW?

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.



DID YOU KNOW?



Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law an oligarchy ... the rule of few over many.

DID YOU KNOW?



The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said: "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

How, then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 220 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional? Let us reflect on what this great country was built on.



Chamber, US House of Representatives

The submitter of this item asked to remain anonymous.



NEWS

FCC RECOGNIZES THE 14th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT



Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently joins with other government agencies and the American people to observe the 14th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), adopted July 26, 1990.

According to the Department of Commerce, one in five Americans is disabled and one in ten is severely disabled. Some 50 million people have some type of long lasting condition or disability.

The ADA has enormously improved the lives of people with disabilities. Of special importance to the FCC, Title IV of the ADA ensures convenient and affordable access to telecommunications to the 27 million Americans with hearing or speech disabilities.

In acknowledging the improvements in accessibility in the last 14 years, FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell said, "We at the FCC are delighted to be part of this important celebration. I am proud of the work the FCC has done to ensure access for everyone to telecommunications goods and services. I am also proud of the way the FCC has made it easier for people with disabilities to participate in the FCC rulemaking process."

Some of the actions taken by the FCC to increase access by persons with disabilities:

- The Commission modified its rules under the Hearing Aid Compatibility Act of 1988 to ensure that persons who are hard of hearing or deaf will be able to better communicate using wireless devices.
- It overhauled Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS), which enable individuals with hearing or speech disabilities to utilize the telephone system and communicate with others.
- The FCC required all telecommunications carriers in the U.S., wireline, wireless, and payphone providers, to offer 711 TRS dialing to ensure that TRS users will be able to initiate a call from any telephone, anywhere in the United States, by dialing three numbers.
- In 2002, the FCC identified Internet Protocol relay service as a recognizable TRS service, allowing people who have difficulty hearing or speaking to communicate with anyone in the world through an Internet connection rather than a TTY and a telephone.
- The FCC has diligently reminded broadcast outlets and multi-channel video program distributors of their obligation to provide captioning for emergency information.
- The FCC has implemented Section 255 of the Telecom Act, which requires telecommunications equipment and services to be accessible to and usable by, persons with disabilities, when readily achievable.
- The FCC has many representatives of the disability community on its Consumer Advisory Committee, which meets regularly and makes recommendations to the Commission.
- The Commission has met frequently with public and private groups and individuals to seek to provide better services for individuals with disabilities. One example is the “Solutions Summit” the Commission sponsored on May 7, 2004, which addressed policy issues that arise as communication services move to IP-based platforms, and focused on the increasing use of Internet technologies by individuals with disabilities. The summit included speakers from many different sectors including education, government, and private industry, and produced invaluable input. A similar meeting was held to discuss issues relating to homeland security and the disability community.
- The FCC produced the “Section 504 Handbook,” a comprehensive collection of guidelines, information, and procedures to ensure that the Commission is accessible to individuals with disabilities. The content of the handbook is designed to assist Commission personnel in their efforts to provide such accessibility. It is also available on-line and the information is available for any group planning a public meeting.

Since the passage of the ADA, the FCC has made steady progress to improve the ability of persons with disabilities to benefit from existing and new communications technologies so that we may all enjoy the telecommunications revolution.

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Surviving the Broadcast Industry

(Stories from today's broadcast engineers)

Observations from Hurricane Frances

(From Broadcast@broadcast.net)

As many of you know our company is located north and east of Orlando, and has been in the path of two hurricanes the past three weeks. What is interesting to me as a broadcaster is how much the TV stations here have learned in the last two weeks.



Since so many people lost power in the last storm and this one it has made it necessary for the local network TV stations to align with local AM and FM stations across the region to simulcast their audio.

What has been so much fun is listening as television announcers did their best radio announcer impressions, having to describe in much great detail the events going on. IN addition since many people had small B+W battery operated TVs, they also had to describe color radar maps in B+W terminology to make themselves understood to that audience also.

Although there are still widespread power outages, we have power today and I can tell you that without exception the radio and television stations of Central Florida have done an outstanding job with this storm coverage. The NBC affiliate for example has been on the air with wall to wall coverage since I think Thursday morning and it is still going on. Their on air talent is 12 hours on, 12 off and their management gave them all next Monday off as a belated Labor Day.

Regards,

Larry Broome, President
RJB Broadcast Corp
www.rjbbroadcast.com



And to think...(supposedly) we're still on track to do away with Analog TV in 2006. All the portable battery powered B&W TV's will be obsolete, and no electricity to run an outboard igital to analog TV converter.

Hrmmm....

C. Gould cornelius@cgould.com



What is really sad is that there are few radio news departments anymore, so in order to fulfill any public service duty, many radio stations have to run TV audio..... Sad state in my opinion. This is what consolidation has brought us.

Now saying that, WFLA 970 in Tampa has done a decent job, but they are being simulcast on many of CC's Florida stations.....That is the only one station in the Tampa/Sarasota market....

Paul Smith paul@amtower.com
W4KNX
Sarasota, FL



Funny thing you should mention battery op B&W. I had one that I received for a holiday gift last year....and I had it, box unopened, in a pile to go out for my next garage sale. Now don't know what I would have done without it last night. Somehow managed to beg/borrow/steal 10 "C" cells to run it. And incidentally our generator failed...bad fuel leak/fire hazard, cable failed early, but my antenna came through untouched.

Bob Matzner, K1IHY bobmatz@att.net
Retired in Ft. Lauderdale



Websites to Visit

There was an interesting program on BBC Radio 4 recently on ham radio during 9-11, and how it helped rescuers.

Go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/progs/listenagain.shtml?focuswin> and click on "Unsung Heroes" and you can listen to it.

(If you need to record it I used "Total Recorder" from highcriterea.com which can record anything you can hear on your PC)

Andy Green, Waterford, Ireland



Just put the puzzle together, then wait a few seconds for the dog to come out! So cute.....

Click on or type/paste in: <http://www.riversongs.com/Flas/today.swf>



This is cute! Some programming feat! Run your mouse over the bears.. BUT DON'T CLICK ON IT...ENJOY!!! 'Sound on' adds to the delight. Helps if you understand German.

<http://www.nobodyhere.com/toren.hier>

Pictures of the Month



Everyday low prices?



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: Our Founding Father Robert Vendeland rvendeland@cox.net

A woman bought a new Lexus LS400, and returned the next day, complaining that she couldn't figure out how the radio worked. The salesman explained that the radio was voice activated.

"Watch this!" he said..."Nelson!"



The radio replied, "Ricky or Willie?"

"Willie!" he continued....and "On The Road Again" came from the speakers.

The woman drove away happy, and for the next few days, every time she'd say, "Beethoven", she'd get beautiful classical music, and if she said,

"Beatles!" she'd get one of their awesome songs.

One day, a couple ran a red light and nearly creamed her new car, but she swerved in time to avoid them.

"A...OLES!" she yelled.....

The French National Anthem began to play, sung by the Dixie Chicks, Jane Fonda and Michael Moore.



From: Jim Smith jsmith@bfallc.com

Subject: Washington Post

This from Jim Thibodeaux

Once again, The Washington Post published its yearly contest in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for various words.

And the winners are...

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| 1. Coffee (n.), a person who is coughed upon. | 10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline. |
| 2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained. | 11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam. |
| 3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach. | 12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified demeanor assumed by a proctologist immediately before he examines you. |
| 4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk. | 13. Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions. |
| 5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent. | 14. Pokemon (n), a Jamaican proctologist. |
| 6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absent-mindedly answer the door in your nightgown. | 15. Frisbeetarianism (n.), the belief that when you die your Soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck there. |
| 7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp. | 16. Circumvent (n.), the opening in the front of boxer shorts. |
| 8. Gargoyle (n.), an olive-flavored mouthwash. | |
| 9. Flatulence (n.) the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller. | |



Test your memory

A Test for those Kids of the 50s & 60s - The answers are below, but don't cheat.

01. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." "What did he leave behind? _____.

02. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on the, _____ show.

03. Get your kicks, _____.

04. The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed _____.

05. In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____.

06. After the twist, the mashed potatoes, and the watusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the _____.

07. N_E_S_T_L_E_S, Nestle's makes the very best, _____.

08. Satchmo was America's "ambassador of goodwill." Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was, _____.

09. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____.

10. Red Skeltons hobo character was _____ and he always ended his television show by saying, "Good night, and _____."

11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam war did so by burning their _____.

12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? _____ & _____.

13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, "the day the music died." This was a tribute to _____.

14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it; it was called _____.

15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist; it was called the _____.





The answers

01. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
02. The Ed Sullivan show.
03. Route 66
04. To protect the innocent.
05. The Lion sleeps tonight.
06. The limbo
07. Chocolate.
08. Louis Armstrong
09. The Timex watch.
10. Freddy the freeloader, and "Good night and May God Bless."
11. Draft cards (the bra was also burned)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hoola-hoop

A message from the rural Midwest:

Because of misunderstandings that frequently develop when Easterners and Californians cross states such as Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, these state tourism councils have adopted a set of information guidelines.

In an effort to help outsiders understand the Midwest, the following list will! be handed to each driver entering any of these states:

1. That farm boy standing next to the feed bin did more work before breakfast than you do all week at the gym.
2. It's called a 'gravel road,' No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your Navigator. I have a four wheel drive because I need it. Drive it or get it out of the way.
3. We all started hunting and fishing when we were seven years old. Yeah, we saw Bambi. We got over it.
4. Any references to "corn fed" when talking about our women will get you whipped . by our women.
5. Go ahead and bring your \$600 Orvis Fly Rod. Don't cry to us if a flathead catfish breaks it off at the handle. We have a name for those little trout you fish for...bait.
6. Pull your pants up. You look like an idiot.
7. If that cell phone rings while a bunch of mallards are making their final approach, we will shoot it! You might hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.



8. That's right. Whiskey is only two bucks. We can buy a fifth for what you paid in the airport for one drink.
9. No, there's no "Vegetarian Special" on the menu. Order steak. Order it rare. Or, you can order the Chef's Salad and pick off the two pounds of ham and turkey.
10. You bring Coke into my house, it better be brown, wet, and served over ice.
11. So you have a sixty-thousand dollar car you drive on weekends. We're real impressed. We have quarter of a million dollar combine that we use two weeks a year.
12. Let's get this straight. We have one stoplight in town. We stop when it's red. We may even stop when it's yellow.
13. Our women hunt, fish, and drive trucks--because they want to. So, you're a feminist. Isn't that cute.
14. Yeah, we eat catfish. Carp, too--and turtle. You really want sushi and caviar? It's available at the bait shop.
15. They are pigs. That's what they smell like. Get over it. Don't like it? Interstates 70, 80, & 90 go two ways Interstates 29 & 35 go the other two. Pick one and use it accordingly.
16. The "Opener" refers to the first day of deer season. It's a religious holiday. You can get breakfast at the church.
17. So every person in every pickup waves. It's called being friendly. Understand the concept?
18. Yeah, we have golf courses. Don't hit in the water hazard. It spooks the fish.
19. That Highway Patrol Officer that just pulled you over for driving like an idiot...his name is "Sir"... no matter how old he is.

Now, enjoy your visit



Observations from: J. Carl Cooper Carl@pixelinstruments.com

1. Remember, once you get over the hill, you'll begin to pick up speed.
2. I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food.
3. If it weren't for STRESS I'd have no energy at all.
4. Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.
5. Everyone has a photographic memory. Some, like me, just don't have any film.
6. I always know God won't give me more than I can handle but there are times I wish He didn't trust me quite so much.
7. Dogs have owners. Cats have staff.
8. If the shoe fits.....buy a pair in every color.
9. Never be too open minded, your brains could fall out.
10. Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
11. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
12. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
13. Some days are a total waste of makeup.
14. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
15. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
16. Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

17. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
18. Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
19. Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
20. By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.
21. Learn from the mistakes of others. Trust me...You can't live long enough to make them all yourself. I know because I've tried!!



A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

God is like... BAYER ASPIRIN
He works miracles.

God is like... ALKA-SELTZER
Try him, you'll like Him.

God is like... a FORD
He's got a better idea.

God is like... SCOTCH TAPE
You can't see him, but you know He's there.

God is like... COKE
He's the real thing.

God is like... DELTA
He's ready when you are.
God is like... ALLSTATE
You're in good hands with Him.

God is like... HALLMARK CARDS
He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like... VO-5 Hair Spray
He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like... TIDE
He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like... DIAL SOAP
Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like... GENERAL ELECTRIC
He brings good things to life.

God is like... SEARS
He has everything.

God is like... the U.S. POST OFFICE
Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.



Blond Jokes

Several weeks ago, we hired a new blonde secretary who wasn't the brightest crayon in the box. One day when she was typing, she turned to another secretary and said, "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?" "Just use the copier machine paper," the other responded. With that, the blonde took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier, and proceeded to make five blank copies.

A blonde with two burnt ears went to the doctor, who asked what had happened. "The phone rang, and I accidentally picked up the iron." "What about the other one?" "They called back."

A blind man walks into a bar, taps the man next him, and says, "Hey, wanna hear a blond joke?" The man says back to the blind man, "Look buddy, I'm blond. The man behind me is a 400-pound professional wrestler and he is blond. The bouncer is blond. The man sitting over to your left is also blond. Still wanna tell that blond joke?" The blind man is silent for a moment and then says, "Nah, I wouldn't want to have to explain it five times."

A blonde got a dent in her car and took it in to the repair shop. The repairman, noticing that the woman was a blonde, decided to have a wee bit of fun, so he told her all she had to do was take it home and blow in the tailpipe until the dent popped itself out. After 15 minutes of this, the blonde's blonde friend came over and asked what she was doing. "I'm trying to pop out this dent, but it's not really working." "Duh. You have to roll up the windows first!"



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Adding Broadcast flair:

MANAGER MATH

Smart manager + smart engineer = reliable profitable station

Dumb manager + smart engineer = frustrated engineer

Smart manager + dumb engineer = over worked engineer

Dumb manager + dumb engineer = unprofitable station

ROMANCE MATHEMATICS

Smart man + smart woman = romance

Smart man + dumb woman = affair

Dumb man + smart woman = marriage

Dumb man + dumb woman = pregnancy

OFFICE ARITHMETIC

Smart boss + smart employee = profit

Smart boss + dumb employee = production

Dumb boss + smart employee = promotion

Dumb boss + dumb employee = overtime

SHOPPING MATH

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need.

GENERAL EQUATIONS & STATISTICS

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

HAPPINESS

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.

To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

LONGEVITY

Married men live longer than single men do, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

PROPENSITY TO CHANGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

DISCUSSION TECHNIQUE

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

HOW TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BUGGING YOU ABOUT GETTING MARRIED

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, "You're next." They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.



Sensible definitions

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Finally, some definitions that make sense.....Someone had to do a lot of thinking to come up with these. Hope you enjoy them as much as we have.

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.

CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

CHICKENS: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

RAISIN: Grape with a sunburn.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES: Something other people have. You have character lines.



From: Tom Bloomfield (yes – it's my son) ospreyata@comcast.net

Costello wants to buy a Computer from Abbott

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 names Lou.

ABBOTT: Your computer?

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

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: I told you, my names 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 & 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?

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 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!

(LATER)

COSTELLO: How do I turn my computer off??

ABBOTT: Click on "START".



Burt's Humor

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Morty visits his friend the veterinarian and says, "My dog, he has a problem." Dr. Saul, who's never seen a dog like this before, Saul asks, "So what kind of dog is this?"

"It's a Jewish dog. His name is Irving and he can talk," says Morty. "He can talk?" the doubting doctor asks. "Watch this!" Morty points to the dog and commands: "Irving, Fetch!"

Irving, the dog, begins to walk toward the door, then turns around and says, "So why are you talking to me like that? You always order me around like I'm nothing. And you only call me when you want something. And then you make me sleep on the floor, with my arthritis. You give me this fahkakhkta food with all the salt and fat, and you tell me it's a special diet. It tastes like dreck! YOU should eat it yourself! And do you ever take me for a decent walk? NO, it's out of the house, a short pish, and right back home. Maybe if I could stretch out a little, the sciatica wouldn't kill me so much! I should roll over and play dead for real for all you care!"

Dr. Saul is amazed. "This is remarkable! With this dog what could be the problem?" Morty exclaims, "This dog has a hearing problem! I said fetch, and he thought I said kvetch!"



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

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

They phoned the local cab company and requested a taxi. The taxi arrived and the couple opened the front door to leave their house.

The cat they had put out into the yard scoots back into the house.

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

Waiting in the cab, the wife doesn't want the driver to know the house will be empty for the night. She explains to the taxi driver that her husband will be out soon. "He's just going upstairs to say good-bye to my mother."

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

The cabdriver hit a parked car



THOUGHTS OF A JEWISH BUDDHIST

Let your mind be as a floating cloud. Let your stillness be as the wooded glen. And sit up straight. You'll never meet the Buddha with posture like that.

There is no escaping karma. In a previous life, you never called, you never wrote, you never visited. And whose fault was that?

Wherever you go, there you are. Your luggage is another story.

To practice Zen and the art of Jewish motorcycle maintenance, do the following: get rid of the motorcycle. What were you thinking?

Be aware of your body. Be aware of your perceptions. Keep in mind that not every physical sensation is a symptom of a terminal illness. If there is no self, whose arthritis is this?

Breathe in. Breathe out. Breathe in. Breathe out. Forget this and attaining Enlightenment will be the least of your problems.

The Tao has no expectations. The Tao demands nothing of others. The Tao does not speak. The Tao does not blame. The Tao does not take sides. The Tao is not Jewish.

Drink tea and nourish life. With the first sip, joy. With the second, satisfaction. With the third, Danish.

The Buddha taught that one should practice loving kindness to all sentient beings. Still, would it kill you to find a nice sentient being who happens to be Jewish?

Be patient and achieve all things. Be impatient and achieve all things faster.

To Find the Buddha, look within. Deep inside you are ten thousand flowers. Each flower blossoms ten thousand times. Each blossom has ten thousand petals. You might want to see a specialist.

Be here now. Be someplace else later. Is that so complicated?

Zen is not easy. It takes effort to attain nothingness. And then what do you have?

"Bupkes"



WHY GOD CREATED CHILDREN (AND IN THE PROCESS GRANDCHILDREN)

To those of us who have children in our lives, whether they are our own, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or students...here is something to make you chuckle. Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children. After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve.

And the first thing he said was "DON'T!"

"Yes, way!"

"Don't what?" Adam replied.

"Do NOT eat the fruit!" said God.

"Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said.

"Why"

"Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit?"

"Because I am your Father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped creation after making elephants. A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break and He was ticked!

Hey Eve..we have forbidden fruit!!!!!"

"No Way!"

"Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked.

"Uh huh," Adam replied.

"Then why did you?" said the Father.

"I don't know," said Eve.

"She started it!" Adam said

"Did not!"

"Did too!"

"DID NOT!"

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

BUT THERE IS REASSURANCE IN THE STORY!

If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself.

If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.
2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.
3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.
4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said in the first place.
5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.
6. We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in.
7. Just when you redecorate their room into a nice TV room, they show up with boxes, suitcases and large dogs, to move back home.

ADVICE FOR THE DAY:

Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home one day.

AND FINALLY:

IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF TENSION AND YOU GET A HEADACHE, DO WHAT IT SAYS ON THE ASPIRIN BOTTLE: "TAKE TWO ASPIRIN" AND "KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN"!!!!



THE YEAR'S BEST [ACTUAL] HEADLINES OF 2003

- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
- Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
- Iraqi Head Seeks Arms
- Is There a Ring of Debris around Uranus?
- Prostitutes Appeal to Pope
- Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
- Teacher Strikes Idle Kids
- Miners Refuse to Work after Death
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- War Dims Hope for Peace
- If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
- Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
- Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
- Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
- Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge
- New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
- Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
- Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
- Chef Throws His Heart into Helping Feed Needy
- Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
- Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
- Crack Found on Governor's Daughter

And the winner may well be....

- Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead



Lawyers

Lawyers should never ask a witness a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.

In a trial, a Southern small town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grand motherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?" She responded, "Why, yes I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've know you since you were a young boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you

manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The Lawyer was stunned! Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?" She again replied, "Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him."

The defense attorney almost died. The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench, and, in a very quiet voice, said: "If either of you bastards asks her if she knows me, I'll throw your sorry asses in jail for contempt."



Graveside Service.

A young preacher was asked by the local funeral director to hold a grave-side burial service at a small local cemetery for someone with no family or friends. The preacher started early but quickly got himself lost, making several wrong turns.

Eventually, a half-hour late, he saw a backhoe and its crew, but the hearse was nowhere in sight, and the workmen were eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place.

Taking out his book, he read the service. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he was returning to his car, he overheard one of the workmen say: "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."



A VERY APPROPRIATE PHILOSOPHY - The Mayonnaise Jar...And the Beer

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar... and the beer.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full.

They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full.

They agreed it was.

The professor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full.

The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life...

"The golf balls are the important things -- your family, your children, your health, your friends, your favorite passions -- things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

"The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car.

"The sand is everything else -- the small stuff.

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18 holes of golf. There will always be time to clean the house, and fix the disposal.

"Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers.



TRADITION!

A modern Orthodox Jewish couple, preparing for a religious wedding meets with their rabbi for counseling. The rabbi asks if they have any last questions before they leave.

The man asks, "Rabbi, we realize it's tradition for men to dance with men, and women to dance with women at the reception. But, we'd like your permission to dance together, like the rest of the world."

"Absolutely not," says the rabbi. "It's immodest. Men and women always dance separately."

"So after the ceremony I can't even dance with my own wife?"

"No," answered the rabbi. "It's forbidden."

"Well, okay," says the man, "What about sex? Can we finally have sex?"

"Of ! course!," replies the rabbi. "Sex is a mitzvah - a good thing within marriage, to have children!"

"What about different positions?" asks the man.

"No problem," says the rabbi. "It's a mitzvah!"

"Woman on top?" the man asks.

"Sure," says the rabbi. "Go for it! It's a mitzvah!"

"Doggy style?"

"Sure! Another mitzvah!"

"On the kitchen table?"

"Yes, yes! A mitzvah!"

"Can we do it on rubber sheets with a bottle of hot oil, a couple of vibrators, a leather harness, a bucket of honey and a porno video?"

"You may indeed. It's all a mitzvah!"

"Can we do it standing up?"

"No." says the rabbi."

"Why not?" asks the man.

"Could lead to dancing."



What is a Cat?

1. Cats do what they want.
2. They rarely listen to you.
3. They're totally unpredictable.
4. When you want to play, they want to be alone.
5. When you want to be alone, they want to play.
6. They expect you to cater to their every whim.
7. They're moody.
8. They leave hair everywhere.

CONCLUSION: They're tiny women in little fur coats.



Lessons Of Life

1. First Important Lesson - Cleaning Lady.

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "hello". I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

2. Second Important Lesson - Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11:30 p.m., an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed

a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960s. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab. She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others,"

Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole.

3. Third Important Lesson - Always remember those who serve.

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired. By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

4. Fourth Important Lesson - The Obstacles in Our Path.

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand! Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

5. Fifth Important Lesson - Giving When it Counts.

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare & serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year-old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her

little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes I'll do it if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, Will I start to die right away?". Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.



RETIREMENT

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Thought you might like to see what happened to me last week. I went downtown the other day. I was only in there for about 5 minutes. When I came out there was a city cop writing out a parking ticket. I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a senior a break?" He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a Nazi. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires. So I called him a piece of horse s.t. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote. I didn't give a crap. My car was parked around the corner. I try to have a little fun each day. It's important at my age.



Singing in Church

A minister decided to do something a little different one Sunday morning. He said "Today, in church, I am going to say a single word and you are going to help me preach. Whatever single word I say, I want you to sing whatever hymn that comes to your mind.

The pastor shouted out "Cross". Immediately the congregation started singing "The Old Rugged Cross".

The pastor hollered out "Grace". The congregation began to sing "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound".

The pastor said "Power". The congregation sang "There is Power in the Blood".

The Pastor said "Sex". The congregation fell in total silence.

Everyone was in shock. They all nervously began to look around at each other afraid to say anything. Then all of a sudden, way from in the back of the church, a little 87 year old grandmother stood up and began to sing "Precious Memories".



The hypnotist

It was opening night at the theater and the Amazing Claude was topping the bill. People came from miles around to see the famed hypnotist do his stuff. As Claude took to the stage, he announced, "Unlike most stage hypnotists who invite two or three people up onto the stage to be put into a trance, I intend to hypnotize each and every member of the audience."

The excitement was almost electric as Claude withdrew a beautiful antique pocket watch from his coat. I want you each to keep your eye on this antique watch. It's a very special watch. It's been in my family for six generations." He began to swing the watch gently back and forth while quietly chanting, "Watch the watch, watch the watch, watch the watch...." The crowd became mesmerized as the watch swayed back and forth, light gleaming off its polished surface.

Hundreds of pairs of eyes followed the swaying watch, until suddenly it slipped from the hypnotist's fingers and fell to the floor, breaking into a hundred pieces.

"Ssss..it!" said the hypnotist. It took three weeks to clean up the theater.



Mountain Man

Fifty-one years ago Herman James, a Tennessee Mountain Man , was drafted by the Army. On his first day in Basic, the Army issued him a comb. That afternoon the Army barber sheared off all his hair. On his second day, the Army issued Herman a toothbrush. That afternoon the Army dentist yanked seven of his teeth. On the third day the Army issued him a jock strap....The Army has been looking for Herman for 51 years.



This was passed on to me by a friend who is pretty picky about false information and rumors: This is rather mind-boggling.

I just checked it out at Snopes.com and it is true.(The Wilson report has been around for months.) Snopes does offer final comments about the raw materials costs, pointing out that there are overhead costs including pharmacist salaries. But in any case, note the huge, almost unbelievable discrepancies.

The women that signed below are Budget Analysts out of federal Washington, DC. offices.

Did you ever wonder how much it costs a drug company for the active ingredient in prescription medications? Some people think it must cost a lot, since many drugs sell for more than \$2.00 per tablet We did a search of offshore chemical synthesizers that supply the active ingredients found in drugs approved by the FDA. As we have revealed in past issues of Life Extension, a significant percentage of drugs sold in the United States contain active ingredients made in other countries.

In our independent investigation of how much profit drug companies really make, we obtained the actual price of active ingredients used in some of the most popular drugs sold in America.

The chart below speaks for itself.

Celebrex 100 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets): \$130.27

Cost of general active ingredients: \$0.60

Percent markup: 21,712%

Claritin 10 mg

Consumer Price (100 tablets): \$215.17

Cost of general active ingredients: \$0.71

Percent markup: 30,306%

Keflex 250 mg

Consumer Price (100 tablets): \$157.39

Cost of general active ingredients: \$1.88

Percent markup: 8,372%

Lipitor 20 mg

Consumer Price (100 tablets): \$272.37

Cost of general active ingredients: \$5.80

Percent markup: 4,696%

Norvasec 10 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets): \$188.29

Cost of general active ingredients: \$0.14

Percent markup: 134,493%

Paxil 20 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets): \$220.27

Cost of general active ingredients: \$7.60

Percent markup: 2,898%

Prevacid 30 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets): \$44.77

Cost of general active ingredients: \$1.01

Percent markup: 34,136%

Prilosec 20 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets): \$360.97

Cost of general active ingredients \$0.52

Percent markup: 69,417%

Prozac 20 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets) : \$247.47

Cost of general active ingredients: \$0.11

Percent markup: 224,973%

Tenormin 50 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets): \$104.47

Cost of general active ingredients: \$0.13

Percent markup: 80,362%

Vasotec 10 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets): \$102.37

Cost of general active ingredients: \$0.20

Percent markup: 51,185%

Xanax 1 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets) : \$136.79

Cost of general active ingredients: \$0.024

Percent markup: 569,958%

Zestril 20 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets) \$89.89

Cost of general active ingredients \$3.20

Percent markup: 2,809%

Zithromax 600 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets): \$1,482.19

Cost of general active ingredients: \$18.78

Percent markup: 7,892%

Zocor 40 mg

Consumer price (100 tablets): \$350.27

Cost of general active ingredients: \$8.63

Percent markup: 4,059%

Zoloft 50 mg

Consumer price: \$206.87

Cost of general active ingredients: \$1.75

Percent markup: 11,821%

Since the cost of prescription drugs is so outrageous, I thought everyone I knew should know about this. Please read the following and pass it on. It pays to shop around. This helps to solve the mystery as to why they can afford to put a Walgreen's on every corner. On Monday night, Steve Wilson, an investigative reporter for Channel 7

News in Detroit, did a story on generic drug price gouging by pharmacies. He found in his investigation, that some of these generic drugs were marked up as much as 3,000% or more. Yes, that's not a typo.....three thousand percent!

So often, we blame the drug companies for the high cost of drugs, and usually rightfully so. But in this case, the fault clearly lies with the pharmacies themselves. For example, if you had to buy a prescription drug, and bought the name brand, you might pay \$100 for 100 pills. The pharmacist might tell you that if you get the generic equivalent, they would only cost \$80, making you think you are "saving" \$20. What the pharmacist is not telling you is that those 100 generic pills may have only cost him \$10! At the end of the report, one of the anchors asked Mr. Wilson whether or not there were any pharmacies that did not adhere to this practice, and he said that Costco consistently charged little over their cost for the generic drugs. I went to the Costco site, where you can look up any drug, and get its online price. It says that the in-store prices are consistent with the online prices. I was appalled.

Just to give you one example from my own experience, I had to use the drug, Compazine, which helps prevent nausea in chemo patients. I used the generic equivalent, which cost \$54.99 for 60 pills at CVS. I checked the price at Costco, and I could have bought 100 pills for \$19.89. For 145 of my pain pills, I paid \$72.57. I could have got 150 at Costco for \$28.08. I would like to mention, that although Costco is a "membership" type store, you do NOT have to be a member to buy prescriptions there, as it is a federally regulated substance. You just tell them at the door that you wish to use the pharmacy, and they will let you in. (This is true, I went there this past Thursday and asked them.)

I am asking each of you to please help me by copying this letter, and passing it into your own email, and send it to everyone you know with an email address.

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A duck walked into a bar and ordered a beer and a sandwich. The bartender looked at him. "But you're a duck." "I see your eyes are working," replied the duck. "And you talk!" exclaimed the bartender. "I see your ears are working," "Now can I have my beer and my sandwich, please?" said

the duck, "Certainly," said the bartender. "Sorry about that, it's just we don't get many ducks in this pub. What are you doing round this way?"

"I'm working on the building site across the road," explained the duck, who drank his beer, ate his sandwich, paid and left the bar.

This continued for weeks. Then one day the circus came to town. The ringleader of the circus came into the pub and the bartender told him about the incredible talking duck. "Marvelous!" said the ringleader, "get him to come see me."

So the next day, the duck walked into the pub and the bartender looked at him. "Hey, Mr. Duck, I lined you up with a top job paying really good money!"

"Yeah?" said the duck. "Sounds great, where is it?"

"At the circus" said the bartender.

"The circus?" the duck said.

"That's right," replied the bartender.

"The circus? That place with the big tent? With all the animals? With the big canvas roof with the hole in the middle?" asked the duck.

"That's right!" said the bartender.

The duck looked confused. "So what do they want with a plasterer?"



Dementia Test Only 6 questions

Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles.

As we grow older, it's important that we keep mentally alert. The saying; "If you don't use it, you will lose it," also applies to the brain, so..... Below is a very private way to gauge your loss or non-loss of intelligence. Take the following test and determine if you are losing it or are still "with it." OK, relax, clear your mind and.... Begin.

1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: "bread." If you said "toast," then give up now and go do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, "bread," go to Question 2.

2. Say "silk" five times. Now spell "silk." What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said "milk," please do not attempt the next question. Your brain is obviously over stressed and may even overheat. It may be that you need to content yourself with reading something more appropriate, such as Children's World. " If you said "water," proceed to Question 3.

3. If a red house is made from red bricks, and a blue house is made from blue bricks, and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said, "green bricks," what the devil are you still doing reading these questions???? If you said "glass," then go on to Question 4.

4. Twenty years ago, a plane was flying at 20,000 feet over Germany. If you recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany. Anyway, during the flight, TWO of the engines failed. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the third engine fails before he has time to attempt an emergency landing, and the plane crashes smack in the middle of "no man's land" between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors? in East Germany or West Germany or in "no man's land"?

Answer: You don't, of course, bury survivors. If you said ANYTHING else, you are a real dunce and you must NEVER try to rescue anyone from a plane crash. Your efforts would not be appreciated. If you said, "Don't bury the survivors," proceed to the next question.

5. If the hour hand on a clock moves 1/60 of a degree every minute how many degrees will the hour hand move in one hour?

Answer: One degree. If you said, "360 degrees" or anything other than "one degree," you are to be congratulated on getting this far, but you are obviously out of your league. Turn in your pencil, and exit the room. Everyone else proceed to the final question.

6. Without using a calculator -- You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, six people get off the bus, and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, three people get off and five people get on. In Carmathen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. What was the name of the bus driver?

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember? It was YOU!!





Some Pratt-cal Things

From: Jim Pratt jpratt@stny.rr.com

Two old folks got married. As they were lying on the bed in their wedding suite, staring at the ceiling, the old man says, "I haven't been completely honest with you. I think the world of you, but you are only number two to me. Golf is my first love. It's my hobby, my passion, my first love."

They both stare at the ceiling for a bit, and then the woman says, "While we're baring our souls, I guess I had better tell you that I have been a hooker all my life."

The man jumps out of bed, looks at her a moment then says, "Have you tried widening your stance and adjusting your grip?"



One Early morning a mother went to her sleeping son and woke him up.

MOM: "Wake up, son. It's time to go to school."

SON: "But why, Mom? I don't want to go to school."

MOM: "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go to school."

SON: "One, all the children hate me. Two, all the teachers hate me."

MOM: "Oh! that's not a reason. Come on, you have to go to school."

SON: "Give me two good reasons WHY I *should* go to school?"

MOM: "One, you are FIFTY-TWO years old. Two, you are the PRINCIPAL of the school."



Who Said That?

- If quitters never win and winners never quit, what goober came up with "Quit while you're ahead"?
- What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?
- I thought about how mothers feed their babies with little tiny spoons and forks, so I wonder what Chinese mothers use. Perhaps toothpicks?
- Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do ... write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?
- If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the OTHERS here for?
- STRESSED spelled backwards is DESSERTS.
- No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.
- As I said before, I never repeat myself!
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- Ever wonder what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag?
- Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
- It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.



Baby Prescription

A woman brought her baby in to see the doctor, and he determined right away the baby had an earache. He wrote a prescription for ear drops. In the directions he wrote, "Put two drops in right ear every four hours" and he abbreviated "right" as an R with a circle around it. Several days passed, and the woman returned with her baby, complaining that the baby still had an earache, and his little behind was getting really greasy with all those drops of oil. The doctor looked at the bottle of eardrops and sure enough, the pharmacist had typed the following instructions on the label: "Put two drops in R ear every four hours."

Ben Stein's Final Column (Well worth the read)

For many years Ben Stein has written a biweekly column for the online website called "Monday Night At Morton's." Now, Ben is terminating the column to move on to other things in his life. Reading his final column to our military is worth a few minutes of your time because it praises the most unselfish among us; our military personnel, others who protect us daily and portrays a valuable lesson learned in his life.

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How Can Someone Who Lives in Insane Luxury Be a Star in Today's World?

As I begin to write this, I "slug" it, as we writers say, which means I put a heading on top of the document to identify it. This heading is "eonlineFINAL," and it gives me a shiver to write it. I have been doing this column for so long that I cannot even recall when I started. I loved writing this column so much for so long I came to believe it would never end. It worked well for a long time, but gradually, my changing as a person and the world's change have overtaken it.

On a small scale, Morton's, while better than ever, no longer attracts as many stars as it used to. It still brings in the rich people in droves and definitely some stars. I saw Samuel L. Jackson there a few days ago, and we had a nice visit, and right before that, I saw and had a splendid talk with Warren Beatty in an elevator, in which we agreed that Splendor in the Grass was a super movie. But Morton's is not the star galaxy it once was, though it probably will be again.

Beyond that, a bigger change has happened. I no longer think Hollywood stars are terribly important. They are uniformly pleasant, friendly people, and they treat me better than I deserve to be treated. But a man or woman who makes a huge wage for memorizing lines and reciting them in front of a camera is no longer my idea of a shining star we should all look up to. How can a man or woman who makes an eight-figure wage and lives in insane luxury really be a star in today's world, if by a "star" we mean someone bright and powerful and attractive as a role model? Real stars are not riding around in the backs of limousines or in Porsches or getting trained in yoga or Pilates and eating only raw fruit while they have Vietnamese girls do their nails. They can be interesting, nice people, but they are not heroes to me any longer.

A real star is the soldier of the 4th Infantry Division who poked his head into a hole on a farm near Tikrit, Iraq. He could have been met by a bomb or a hail of AK-47 bullets. Instead, he faced an abject Saddam Hussein and the gratitude of all of the decent people of the world. A real star is the U.S. soldier who was sent to disarm a bomb next to a road north of Baghdad. He approached it, and the bomb went off and killed him. A real star, the kind who haunts my memory night and day, is the U.S. soldier in Baghdad who saw a little girl playing with a piece of unexploded ordnance on a street near where he was guarding a station. He pushed her aside and threw himself on it just as it exploded. He left a family desolate in California and a little girl alive in Baghdad.

The stars who deserve media attention are not the ones who have lavish weddings on TV but the ones who patrol the streets of Mosul even after two of their buddies were murdered and their bodies battered and stripped for the sin of trying to protect Iraqis from terrorists. We put couples with incomes of \$100 million a year on the covers of our magazines. The noncoms and officers who barely scrape by on military pay but stand on guard in Afghanistan and Iraq and on ships and in submarines and near the Arctic Circle are anonymous as they live and die.

I am no longer comfortable being a part of the system that has such poor values, and I do not want to perpetuate those values by pretending that who is eating at Morton's is a big subject. There are plenty of other stars in the American firmament . . . the policemen and women who go off on patrol in South Central and have no idea if they will return alive, The orderlies and paramedics who bring in people who have been in terrible accidents and prepare them for surgery, the teachers and nurses who throw their whole spirits into caring for autistic children, the kind men and women who work in hospices and in cancer wards. Think of each and every fireman who was running up the stairs at the World Trade Center as the towers began to collapse.

Now you have my idea of a real hero. We are not responsible for the operation of the universe, and what happens to us is not terribly important. God is real, not a fiction, and when we turn over our lives to Him, he takes far better care of us than we could ever do for ourselves. In a word, we make ourselves sane when we fire ourselves as the directors of the movie of our lives and turn the power over to Him. I came to realize that life lived to help others is the only one that matters. This is my highest and best use as a human.

I can put it another way. Years ago, I realized I could never be as great an actor as Olivier or as good a comic as Steve Martin . . . or Martin Mull or Fred Willard -- or as good an economist as Samuelson or Friedman or as good a writer as Fitzgerald. Or even remotely close to any of them. But I could be a devoted father to my son, husband to my wife and, above all, a good son to the parents who had done so much for me. This came to be my main task in life. I did it moderately well with my son, pretty well with my wife and well indeed with my parents (with my sister's help). I cared for and paid attention to them in their declining years. I stayed with my father as he got sick, went into extremis and then into a coma and then entered immortality with my sister and me reading him the Psalms.

This was the only point at which my life touched the lives of the soldiers in Iraq or the firefighters in New York. I came to realize that life lived to help others is the only one that matters and that it is my duty, in return for the lavish life God has devolved upon me, to help others He has placed in my path. This is my highest and best use as a human.

By Ben Stein



GOD'S CAKE

Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?"

Here is a wonderful explanation! A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away. Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake."

Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers. "Yuck" says her daughter. "How about a couple raw eggs?" "Gross, Mom!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Mom, those are all yucky!" To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart. If you like this, send this on to the people you really care about. I did. I hope your day is a "piece of cake!" Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.



"Where God Ain't"

He was just a little boy, on a week's first day.
He was wandering home from Sunday School, and dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass; he found a caterpillar.
He found a fluffy milkweed pod, and blew out all the "filler."

A bird's nest in a tree overhead, so wisely placed on high.
Was just another wonder that caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zig zag course, and hailed him from the lawn;
Asked him where he'd been that day and what was going on.

"I've been to Bible School," he said and turned a piece of sod.
He picked up a wiggly worm replying, "I've learned a lot of God."

"M'm very fine way," the neighbor said, "for a boy to spend his time."
"If you'll tell me where God is, I'll give you a brand new dime."

Quick as a flash the answer came! Nor were his accents faint.
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister, if you can tell me where God ain't."
--Author Unknown



Signs that lead to misunderstanding!

In a restroom: TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store: BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In another office: AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park: ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field: THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

Message on a leaflet: IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS

On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)



Old Guy Humor

A senior citizen in Florida bought a brand new Mercedes convertible. He took off down the road, flooring it to 80 mph and enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left on his head.

"This is great," he thought as he roared down I-75. He pushed the pedal to the metal even more. Then he looked in his rearview mirror and saw a highway patrol trooper behind him, blue lights

flashing and siren blaring. "I can getaway from him with no problem" thought the man and he tromped it some more and flew down the road at over 100 mph. Then 110, 120 mph! Then he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this kind of thing."

He pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the trooper to catch up with him. The trooper pulled in behind the Mercedes and walked up to the man.

"Sir," he said, looking at his watch. "My shift ends in 30 minutes and today is Friday. If you can give me a reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The man looked at the trooper and said, "Years ago my wife ran off with a Florida state trooper, and I thought you were bringing her back."

"The trooper replied, "Sir, have a nice day."



A DINNER CONVERSATION GONE WRONG

WIFE: What would you do if I died? Would you get married again?

HUSBAND: Definitely not!

WIFE: Why not - don't you like being married?

HUSBAND: Of course I do.

WIFE: Then why wouldn't you remarry?

HUSBAND: Okay, I'd get married again.

WIFE: You would? (With a hurtful look on her face.)

HUSBAND: (Makes audible groan.)

WIFE: Would you sleep with her in our bed?

HUSBAND: Where else would we sleep?

WIFE: Would you replace my pictures with hers?

HUSBAND: That would seem like the proper thing to do.

WIFE: Would you play golf with her?

HUSBAND: I guess so.

WIFE: Would she use my golf clubs?

HUSBAND: No, she's left handed.

WIFE: - - - Silence - - -

HUSBAND: Sh....t.....





Far out Farrar

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If D-Day Had Been Reported On Today

(A la CNN and MSNBC etc.)

by William A. Mayer

Tragic French Offensive Stalled on Beaches (Normandy, France - June 6, 1944) - Pandemonium, shock and sheer terror predominate today's events in Europe.

In an as yet unfolding apparent fiasco, Supreme Allied Commander, Gen. Dwight David Eisenhower's troops got a rude awakening this morning at Omaha Beach here in Normandy.

Due to insufficient planning and lack of a workable entrance strategy, soldiers of the 1st and 29th Infantry as well as Army Rangers are now bogged down and sustaining heavy casualties inflicted on them by dug-in insurgent positions located 170 feet above them on cliffs overlooking the beaches which now resemble blood soaked killing fields at the time of this mid-morning filing.

Bodies, parts of bodies, and blood are the order of the day here, the screams of the dying and the stillness of the dead mingle in testament to this terrible event.

Morale can only be described as extremely poor--in some companies all the officers have been either killed or incapacitated, leaving only poorly trained privates to fend for themselves.

Things appear to be going so poorly that Lt. General Omar Bradley has been rumored to be considering breaking off the attack entirely. As we go to press embattled U.S. president Franklin Delano Roosevelt's spokesman has not made himself available for comment at all, fueling fires that something has gone disastrously awry.

The government at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is in a distinct lock-down mode and the Vice President's location is presently and officially undisclosed.

Whether the second in command should have gone into hiding during such a crisis will have to be answered at some future time, but many agree it does not send a good signal.

Miles behind the beaches and adding to the chaos, U.S. Naval gunships have inflicted many friendly fire casualties, as huge high explosive projectiles rain death and destruction on unsuspecting Allied positions. The lack of training of Naval gunners has been called into question numerous times before and today's demonstration seems to underlie those concerns.

At Utah Beach the situation is also grim, elements of the 82nd and 101st Airborne seemed to be in disarray as they missed their primary drop zones behind the area believed to comprise the militant's front lines. Errant paratroopers have been hung up in trees, breaking arms and legs, rendering themselves easy targets for those defending this territory.

On the beach front itself the landing area was missed, catapulting U.S. forces nearly 2,000 yards south of the intended coordinates, thus lacing them that much farther away from the German insurgents and unable to direct covering fire or materially add to the operation.

Casualties at day's end are nothing short of horrific; at least 8,000 and possibly as many as 9,000 were wounded in the haphazardly coordinated attack, which seems to have no unifying purpose or intent. Of this number at least 3,000 have been estimated as having been killed, making June 6th by far, the worst single day of the war which has dragged on now--with no exit strategy in sight--as the American economy still struggles to recover from Herbert Hoover's depression and its 25% unemployment.

Military spending has skyrocketed the national debt into uncharted regions, lending another cause for concern. When and if the current hostilities finally end it may take generations for the huge debt to be repaid.

On the planning end of things, experts wonder privately if enough troops were committed to the initial offensive and whether at least another 100,000 troops should have been added to the force structure before such an audacious undertaking. Communication problems also have made their presence felt making that an area for further investigation by the appropriate governmental committees.

On the home front, questions and concern have been voiced. A telephone poll has shown dwindling support for the wheel-chair bound Commander In Chief, which might indicate a further erosion of support for his now three year-old global war.

Of course, the President's precarious health has always been a question. He has just recently recovered from pneumonia and speculation persists whether or not he has sufficient stamina to properly sustain the war effort. This remains a topic of furious discussion among those questioning his competency.

Today's costly and chaotic landing compounds the President's already large credibility problem.

More darkly, this phase of the war, commencing less than six months before the next general election, gives some the impression that Roosevelt may be using this offensive simply as a means to secure re-election in the fall.

Underlining the less than effective Allied attack, German casualties--most of them innocent and hapless conscripts--seem not to be as severe as would be imagined. A German minister who requested anonymity stated categorically that "the aggressors were being driven back into the sea amidst heavy casualties, the German people seek no wider war."

"The news couldn't be better," Adolph Hitler said when he was first informed of the D-Day assault earlier this afternoon.

"As long as they were in Britain we couldn't get at them. Now we have them where we can destroy them."

German minister Goebbels had been told of the Allied airborne landings at 0400 hours.

"Thank God, at last," he said. "This is the final round."



NEWS FLASH LANCE ARMSTRONG

CNN is reporting that Lance Armstrong may be stripped of his 6th Tour de France title.

In a random check for banned substances, 3 were found in Armstrong's hotel room.

The 3 substances banned by the French, that were found in his hotel room were as follows:

- (1) Toothpaste
- (2) Deodorant
- (3) Soap

The French officials also found several other items which they had never seen before including testicles and a backbone...



Have you ever wished you could remember Norm's greetings on Cheers?

"What's shaking Norm?"

"All four cheeks & a couple of chins."

"What's new Normie?"

"Terrorists, Sam. They've taken over my stomach and they're demanding beer."

"What'd you like Normie?"

"A reason to live. Give me another beer."

"What'll you have Normie?"

"Well, I'm in a gambling mood Sammy. I'll take a glass of whatever comes out of that tap."

"Looks like beer, Norm."

"Call me Mister Lucky."

"Hey Norm, how's the world been treating you?"

"Like a baby treats a diaper."

"What's the story Mr. Peterson?"

"The Bobbsey twins go to the brewery. Let's cut to the happy ending."

"Hey Mr. Peterson, there's a cold one waiting for you."

"I know, if she calls, I'm not here."

"Beer, Norm?"

"Have I gotten that predictable? Good."

"What's going on Mr. Peterson?"

"A flashing sign in my gut that says, 'Insert beer here.'"

"Whatcha up to Norm?"

"My ideal weight if I were eleven feet tall."

"How's it going Mr. Peterson?"

"Poor."

"I'm sorry to hear that."

"No, I mean pour."

"How's life treating you Norm?"

"Like it caught me sleeping with its wife."

"Women. Can't live with 'em....pass the beer nuts."

"What's going down, Normie?"

"My butt cheeks on that bar stool."

"Pour you a beer, Mr. Peterson?"

"Alright, but stop me at one....make that one-thirty."

"How's it going Mr. Peterson?"

"It's a dog eat dog world, Woody & I'm wearing Milk Bone underwear."

"What's the story Norm?"

"Boy meets beer. Boy drinks beer. Boy meets another beer."

"What's going on Mr. Peterson?"

"The question is what's going in Mr. Peterson? A beer please, Woody."

"Can I pour you a beer Mr. Peterson?"

"A little early isn't it, Woody?"

"For a beer?"

"No, for stupid questions



Personal Adds

The following are actual Personals that appeared in the Dublin Ireland area:

- Heavy Drinker, 35, Cork area. Seeks gorgeous sex addict interested in a man who loves his pints, cigarettes, Glasgow Celtic Football and starting fights on Patrick Street at 3:00 in the morning.
- Bitter, disillusioned Dublin man, lately rejected by longtime fiancée. Seeks honest, reliable woman, if such a thing still exists in this cruel world of hatchet faced bitches
- Ginger haired Galway man, a trouble maker, gets slit-eyed and shifty after a few pints, seeks attractive, wealthy lady for bail purposes, maybe more.
- Bad tempered, foul-mouthed old bastard, living in a damp cottage in the ass end of Roscommon, seeks attractive 21 year old blond lady with a lovely chest.
- Limerick man, 27, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes. Seeks alibi for the night of February 23, between 8 pm and 11:30 pm.
- Optimistic Mayo man, 35, seeks a blonde 20 year old double jointed super-model who owns her own brewery and has an open-minded twin sister.



Life's Road

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in one pretty and well preserved package, but to skid across the line broadside, thoroughly used up, worn out, leaking oil, shouting: "GERONIMO"

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Definition? Or Daffynitions

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.

CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people.

CHICKENS: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

GOSSIP: A person who will never tell a lie if the truth will do more damage.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MYTH: A female moth.

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN: Grape with a sunburn.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

WRINKLES: Something other people have. You have character lines.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.



The Lone Ranger

The Lone Ranger and Tonto walked into a bar and sat down to have a drink. After a few minutes, a big tall cowboy walked in and said, "Who owns the big white horse outside?"

The Lone Ranger stood up, hitched his gun belt, and said, "I do, Why?" The cowboy looked at the Lone Ranger and said, "I just thought you'd like to know that your horse is about dead outside!"

The Lone Ranger and Tonto rushed outside and sure enough Silver was ready to die from heat exhaustion. The Lone Ranger got the horse water and soon Silver was starting to feel a little better. The Lone Ranger turned to Tonto and said, "Tonto, I want you to run around Silver and see if you can create enough of a breeze to make him start to feel better."

Tonto said, "Sure, Kemosabe" and took off running circles around Silver. Not able to do anything else but wait, the Lone Ranger returned to the bar to finish his drink. A few minutes later, another cowboy struts into the bar and asks, "Who owns that big white horse outside?"

The Lone Ranger stands again, and claims, "I do, what's wrong with him this time?"

The cowboy looks him in the eye and says, "Nothin', but you left your Injun running."



Tips for Thwarting Telemarketing Callers etc

Three Little Words That Work !! The three little words are: "Hold On, Please..."

Saying this, while putting down your phone and walking off (instead of hanging-up immediately) would make each telemarketing call so much more time-consuming that boiler room sales would grind to a halt.

Then when you eventually hear the phone company's "beep-beep-beep" tone, you Know it's time to go back and hang up your handset, which has efficiently completed its task. These three little words will help eliminate telephone soliciting.

Do you ever get those annoying phone calls with no one on the other end?

This is a telemarketing technique where a machine makes phone calls and records the time of day when a person answers the phone. This technique is used to determine the best time of day for a "real" sales person to call back and get someone at home.

What you can do after answering, if you notice there is no one there, is to immediately start hitting your # button on the phone, 6 or 7 times, as quickly as possible. This confuses the machine that dialed the call and it kicks your number out of their system. Gosh, what a shame not to have your name in their system any longer !!!

Junk Mail Help:

When you get "ads" enclosed with your phone or utility bill, return these "ads" with your payment. Let the sending companies throw their own junk mail away.

When you get those "pre-approved" letters in the mail for everything from credit cards to 2nd mortgages and similar type junk, do not throw away the return envelope.

Most of these come with postage-paid return envelopes, right? It costs them more than the regular 37cents postage "IF" and when they receive them back. It costs them nothing if you throw them away! The postage was around 50 cents before! the last increase and it is according to the weight. In that case, why not get rid of some of your other junk mail and put it in these cool little, postage-paid return envelopes. This is also a great tension reliever after a bad day!

Send an ad for your local chimney cleaner to American Express. Send a pizza coupon to Citibank. If you didn't get anything else that day, then just send them their blank application back!

You want to remain anonymous, just make sure your name isn't on anything you send them. You can even send the envelope back empty if you want to just to keep them guessing! It still costs them 37 cents.

The banks and credit card companies are currently getting a lot of their own junk back in the mail, but folks, we need to OVERWHELM them. Let's let them know what it's like to get lots of junk mail, and best of all they're paying for it... Let's help keep our postal service busy since they are saying that e-mail is cutting into their business profits, and that's why they need to increase postage costs again. You get the idea!

If enough people follow these tips, it will work----I have been doing this for years, and I get very little junk mail anymore.



Top Rejected Sports Team Names

Top 19 rejected international Sports Team Names

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| 19. BRUSSELS SPROUTS | 9. IRAQI RACOONS |
| 18. CANNES OPENERS | 8. BOLIVIA DEHAVAILLANDS |
| 17. AMSTERDAM YANKEES | 7. SEOUL BROTHERS |
| 16. VIENNA SAUSAGES | 6. TAIPEI PERSONALITIES |
| 15. BELGIUM WAFFELS | 5. SYRIA KILLERS |
| 14. MANILA FOLDERS | 4. HUNGRY JACKS |
| 13. CHECH BOUNCERS | 3. DUBLIN MINT TWINS |
| 12. NEW DELI CATESSANS | 2. PRAGUE TOLOGISTS |
| 11. BUENOS AIRHEADS | 1. PEKING TOMS |
| 10. GUADALAJARA KRISHNAS | |

Genealogy

For all genealogists -- Vincent Van Gogh's relatives were:

His dizzy aunt-----
Verti Gogh

- The brother who ate prunes-----
---Gotta Gogh

- The brother who worked at a convenience store --Stop N. Gogh
- The grandfather from Yugoslavia-----
-----U Gogh
- The brother who bleached his clothes white -----Hue Gogh
- The cousin from Illinois-----
-----Chica Gogh
- His magician uncle-----
-----Where Diddy Gogh
- His Mexican cousin-----
-----Amee Gogh
- The Mexican cousin's American half-brother-----Gring Gogh
- The nephew who drove a stage coach--
-----Wells Far Gogh
- The constipated uncle-----
-----Kant Gogh
- The ballroom-dancing aunt-----
----Tang Gogh
- The bird-lover uncle-----
----Flameene Gogh
- His nephew psychoanalyst-----
-----E. Gogh
- The fruit-loving cousin-----
-----Mang Gogh
- An aunt who taught positive thinking--
-----Way-tu Gogh
- The little bouncy nephew-----
-----Poe Gogh
- A sister who loved disco-----
-----Goe Gogh
- And his niece who travels the country in a van-----Winnie-Bae Gogh
- Well, there you Gogh....



This is hilarious and for non-chili connoisseurs you can relate.

If you can read this whole story without tears of laughter running down your cheeks, then there's no hope for you! *Note: Please take time to read this slowly. If you pay attention to the first two judges, the reaction of the third judge is even better! For those of you who have lived in Texas, you know how true this is. They actually have a Chili Cook-off about the time the Rodeo comes to town. It takes up a major portion of the parking lot at the Astrodome. The notes are from an inexperienced Chili taster named Frank, who was visiting Texas from the East Coast:

Frank: "Recently, I was honored to be selected as a judge at a chili cook-off. Judge #3 called in sick at the last moment and I happened to be standing there at the judge's table asking for directions to the Budweiser truck, when the call came in. I was assured by the other two judges (Native Texans) that the chili wouldn't be all that spicy and, besides, they told me I could have free beer during the tasting, so I accepted".

Here are the scorecards from the event:

Chili # 1 Mike's Maniac Mobster Monster Chili

Judge # 1 -- A little too heavy on the tomato. Amusing kick. Judge # 2 Nice, smooth tomato flavor. Very mild. Judge # 3 -- (Frank) Holy sh..t, what the hell is this stuff? You could remove dried paint from your driveway. Took me two beers to put the flames out. I hope that's the worst one. These Texans are crazy.

Chili # 2 Arthur's Afterburner Chili

Judge # 1 -- Smoky, with a hint of pork. Slight jalapeno tang. Judge # 2 -- Exciting BBQ flavor, needs more peppers to be taken seriously. Judge # 3 -- Keep this out of the reach of children. I'm not sure what I'm supposed to taste besides pain. I had to wave off two people who wanted to give me the Heimlich maneuver. They had to rush in more beer when they saw the look on my face.

Chili # 3 Fred's Famous Burn Down the Barn Chili

Judge # 1 -- Excellent firehouse chili. Great kick. Needs more beans. Judge # 2 -- A beanless chili, a bit salty, good use of peppers. Judge # 3 -- Call the EPA. I've located a uranium spill. My nose feels like I have been snorting Drano. Everyone knows the routine by now. Get me more beer before I ignite. Barmaid pounded me on the back, now my backbone is in the front part of my chest. I'm getting shit-faced from all of the beer.

Chili # 4 Bubba's Black Magic

Judge # 1 -- Black bean chili with almost no spice. Disappointing. Judge # 2 -- Hint of lime in the black beans. Good side dish for fish or other mild foods, not much of a chili. Judge # 3 -- I felt something scraping across my tongue, but was unable to taste it. Is it possible to burn out taste buds? Sally, the barmaid, was standing behind me with fresh refills. That 300-lb. bitch is starting to look HOT... just like this nuclear waste I'm eating! Is chili an aphrodisiac?

Chili # 5 Linda's Legal Lip Remover

Judge # 1 -- Meaty, strong chili. Cayenne peppers freshly ground, adding considerable kick. Very impressive. Judge # 2 -- Chili using shredded beef, could use more tomato. Must admit the cayenne peppers make a strong statement. Judge # 3 -- My ears are ringing, sweat is pouring off my forehead and I can no longer focus my eyes. I farted and four people behind me needed paramedics. The contestant seemed offended when I told her that her chili had given me brain damage. Sally saved my tongue from bleeding by pouring beer directly on it from the pitcher. I wonder if I'm burning my lips off. It really pisses me off that the other judges asked me to stop screaming. Screw those red necks.

Chili # 6 Vera's Very Vegetarian Variety

Judge # 1 -- Thin yet bold vegetarian variety chili. Good balance of spices and peppers. Judge # 2 -- The best yet. Aggressive use of peppers, onions, and garlic. Superb. Judge #3 -- I shit myself when I farted and I'm worried it will eat through the chair. No one seems inclined to stand behind me except that slut Sally. She must be kinkier than I thought. Can't feel my lips anymore. I need to wipe my ass with a snow cone.

Chili # 7 Susan's Screaming Sensation Chili

Judge # 1 -- A mediocre chili with too much reliance on canned peppers. Judge # 2 -- Ho hum, tastes as if the chef literally threw in a can of chili peppers at the last moment. I should take note that I am worried about Judge #3. He appears to be in a bit of distress as he is cursing uncontrollably. Judge # 3 -- You could put a grenade in my mouth, pull the pin, and I wouldn't feel a thing. I've lost sight in one eye, and the world sounds like it is made of rushing water. My shirt is covered with chili, which slid unnoticed out of my mouth. My pants are full of lava like sh t to match my shirt. At least during the autopsy, they'll know what killed me. I've decided to stop breathing, it's too painful. Screw it; I'm not getting any oxygen anyway. If I need air, I'll just suck it in through the 4-inch hole in my stomach.

Chili # 8 Tommy's Toe-Nail Curling Chili

Judge # 1 -- The perfect ending, this is a nice blend chili. Not too bold but spicy enough to declare its existence. Judge # 2 -- This final entry is a good, balanced chili. Neither mild nor hot. Sorry to see that most of it was lost when Judge # 3 passed out, fell over and pulled the chili pot down on top of himself. Not sure if he's going to make it. Poor dude, wonder how he'd have reacted to really hot chili?



What A Guy!!

Did you hear that John Kerry made a surprise visit to the Olympics? He was only there 40 minutes, but he came away with 6 medals!



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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