

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

(As they come in)

The New, Returning and Dignity up grading folks

John R. Vodenik is a new member and has the dignity of General surviving over 37 years in our industry. OITP General Vodenik also has the endorsements of Knight of the Final Amplifier, Knight of the Geosynchronous Stuff and Knight of the Wooden Tower for his work with transmitters, satellites and in radio. If you wish to



congratulate him, his E-mail address is: JVodenik@del.ibb.gov. OITP General

Vodenik holds court at the Voice of America in Delano, CA.



John J. Humphrey is a new member and has the dignity of Admiral having survived for over 40 years in our industry. OITP Admiral Humphrey also has the endorsement of Knight of the Order Pad and Knight of the Wooden Tower for his work in sales and radio. If you wish to congratulate him, his E-mail address is John.Humphrey@azcar.com. OITP Admiral Humphrey holds court as Director of Broadcast Business Development at AZCAR Technology in Canonsburg, PA.



Our Website

We're going to do away with the counter. It can be embarrassing to see how few have visited it or that it doesn't always work properly. Some services of this kind even expect to get paid to use their counter. We don't own this one, so, it will go bye-bye very soon.

Despite all that, do go take a look at our website. Who knows, maybe you may have something that can top what we have on the "Can you top this?" page. We could also use some more business card advertisers. No one will ever promise that you'll get rich from posting your business card ad there, but it sure will help us pay the bills.
<http://www.tech-notes.tv/www.oitp.org/buscard.htm>

WWW.OITP.org



From your Sagacious Pixel

Harry Bloomfield

Finances

Been to see the CPA and says for the time being it would be better for us to be under the umbrella of a corporation and not a separate LLC as we are now: Any volunteers? We don't have enough cash flow to go to the expense of becoming a non-profit corporation. I would consider putting the Order under the umbrella of Tech-Notes, but I'd like to get input from our membership before I make that move. Please let me know what you think.
Sagacious.Pixel@OITP.org

We just returned from the Pacific-Northwest SBE regional Expo in Seattle, WA. It is not safe for your Sagacious Pixel to go out in public. I had a number of our esteemed order actually recognize me despite my disguise as a stealth, dashing engineer of extreme

poverty. It was fun. I do have to say that I feel sorry for the SBE in Seattle, Chapter 16 for what appeared to be a very low turnout. We suggested that they consider holding this event in Portland on alternative years, but the diehards would hear of it. Perhaps reason is not the best approach.

We also plan to be in San Diego this next week and haunt the environs of the National Association of Broadcasters Radio Show. I hope we are able to see and speak with any of our esteemed order down there. I have little doubt that we will be able to meet up with and have a nice chat with “Father” Bob Vendland, most illustrious founder.

You can’t begin to imagine how important getting new members who want the membership certificates and lapel pins. It is also important to us for those who qualify for an up grade in dignity (<http://www.oitp.org/Membershiplist.html>) to do so and get a new certificate to show off.

I understand that the certificate presented to our new member, Monochrome Mogul George Usher, was a very big surprised and the ceremony went well when also new member OITP Commodore Wayne Bertram presented George with his certificate and lapel pin at George’s 60th birthday party at their facility down under (Australia). You see what a nice gift these kinds of things make.

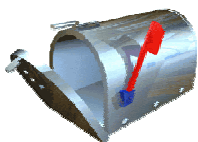
Picture it: some poor unsuspecting, but deserving, associate getting labeled a SURVIVOR: and getting a certificate to document same.

Just remember: our certificates are the only ones that 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.

We print what you send us: letters, stories, jokes, etc., so if you know of any stories from broadcasting’s past, present or future, 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



Editor’s Note: *Come on guys – drop us a line or two.!*



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NEWS

Armed Forces Radio Network Supports Families of American Troops



The Armed Forces Radio Network will raise funds to help families “torn apart to defend America.” AFRN owner Shaun Kroese said, “We have taken it upon ourselves to be there. After all, they are fighting crime, corruption, fires, and a war for freedom.”

AFRN will provide funding for housing, medical, scholarships, and many other needs to the families of armed forces members who have been killed or critically injured in the line of duty, as well as for victims of crime, terrorism, fires, and accidental death.

AFRN is a nonprofit operation. To make a donation, get more information or listen, visit www.afrn.net



Surviving the Broadcast Industry

(Stories from today's broadcast engineers)

From: Charles Lakaytis chuckml@alaska.net

Throw up your arms and.....



Gotta love this business. Five AM call, "We are off the air". Three hour drive to the station. Eating a Mickey D's Sausage biscuit while listening to a story about Clinton's surgery. Throw the remains of it back into the bag. Promise myself to start eating better. Get to the site. Two large moose guarding the access road. Load shotgun with slugs. Yell a lot. Moose move away. Trudge through the mud. Hey at least I get the GM to carry my tools. Find the screen breaker tripped and the PA fault light on. Open the door of the BE FM 3.5A transmitter and find more dirt than I thought existed on the planet. I could grow a good crop of potatoes on the air filter. Remind the GM that he was going to "save money" by changing the air filter himself instead of having me do it. Spent nearly an hour vacuuming the transmitter. Found several overheated comments and a dead PA tube. Got it back on at 50 % power. Waiting for parts.

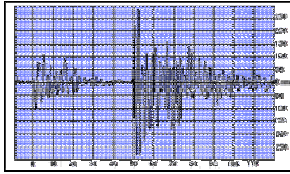
I hope that the GM enjoys saving money, I know that I enjoy billing the idiot. And as Gray Heartig says, "Remember to add the secret "a*****e premium to the invoice.

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From: Marian Johnson mcj@brightoncreekbahai.org
IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN.

The following is extracted from Doug Copp's article on the TRIANGLE OF LIFE, edited by Larry Linn for MAA Safety Committee brief on 4/13/04.



My name is Doug Copp. I am the Rescue Chief and Disaster Manager of The American Rescue Team International (ARTI), the world's most experienced rescue team. The information in this article will save lives in an earthquake.

I have crawled inside 875 collapsed buildings, worked with rescue teams from 60 countries, founded rescue teams in several countries, and I am a member of many rescue teams from many countries. I was the United Nations expert in Disaster Mitigation (UNX051 -UNIENET) for two years. I have worked at every major disaster in the world since 1985, except for simultaneous disasters.

In 1996 we made a film which proved my survival methodology to be correct. The Turkish Federal Government, City of Istanbul, University of Istanbul, Case Productions and ARTI cooperated to film this practical, scientific test. We collapsed a school and a home with 20 mannequins inside. Ten mannequins did "duck and cover" and ten mannequins I used in my "triangle of life" survival method. After the simulated earthquake collapse, we crawled through the rubble and entered the building to film and document the results. The film, in which I practiced my survival techniques under directly observable, scientific conditions relevant to building collapse showed there would have been zero percent survival for those doing duck and cover. There would likely have been 100 percent survivability for people using my method of the "triangle of life." This film has been seen by millions of viewers on television in Turkey and the rest of Europe, and it was seen in the USA, Canada and Latin America.

The first building I ever crawled inside of was a school in Mexico City during the 1985 earthquake. Every child was under their desk. Every child was crushed to the thickness of their bones. They could have survived by lying down next to their desks in the aisles. At the time, I didn't know that children were told to hide under something.

Simply stated, when buildings collapse, the weight of the ceilings falling upon the objects or furniture inside crushes these objects, leaving a space or void next to them. This space is what I call the "triangle of life." The larger or stronger the object, the less it will compact. The less the object compacts, the larger the void, AND greater the probability that the person who is using this void for safety will not be injured. The next time you watch collapsed buildings on television, count the "triangles" you see formed. They are everywhere. It is the most common shape you will see in a collapsed building. They are everywhere.

TIPS DOUG COPP PROVIDES:

- 1) Everyone who simply "ducks and covers" WHEN BUILDINGS COLLAPSE is crushed to death. Every time, without exception. People who get under objects, like desks or cars, are always crushed.
- 2) Cats, dogs and babies all naturally often curl up in the fetal position. You should too in an earthquake. It is a natural safety/survival instinct. You can survive in a smaller void. Get next to an object, next to a sofa, next to a large bulky object that will compress slightly but leave a void next to it.
- 3) Wooden buildings are the safest type of construction to be in during an earthquake. The reason is simple: the wood is flexible and moves with the force of the earthquake. If the wooden building does collapse, large survival voids are created. Also, the wooden building has less concentrated, crushing weight. Brick buildings will break into individual bricks. Bricks will cause many injuries but less squashed bodies than concrete slabs.
- 4) If you are in bed during the night and an earthquake occurs, simply roll off the bed. A safe void will exist around the bed.
- 5) If an earthquake happens while you are watching television and you cannot easily escape by getting out the door or window, then lie down and curl up in the fetal position next to a sofa or large chair.
- 6) Everybody who gets under a doorway when buildings collapse is killed. How? If you stand under a doorway and the door jamb falls forward or backward, you will be crushed by the ceiling above. If the door jamb falls sideways, you will be cut in half by the doorway. In either case, you will be killed.
- 7) Never go to the stairs. The stairs have a different "moment of frequency" (they swing separately from the main part of the building). The stairs and remainder of the building continuously bump into each other until structural failure of the stairs takes place. The people who get on stairs before they fail are chopped up by the stair treads. They are horribly mutilated. Even if the building doesn't collapse, stay away from the stairs. The stairs are a likely part of the building to be damaged. Even if the stairs are not collapsed by the earthquake, they may collapse later when overloaded by screaming, fleeing people. They should always be checked for safety, even when the rest of the building is not damaged.
- 8) Get near the outer walls of buildings or outside of them if possible. It is much better to be near the outside of the building rather than the interior. The farther inside you are from the outside perimeter of the building the greater the probability that your escape route will be blocked.

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9) People inside of their vehicles are crushed when the road above falls in an earthquake and crushes their vehicles -- which is exactly what happened with the slabs between the decks of the Nimitz Freeway. The victims of the San Francisco earthquake all stayed inside of their vehicles. They were all killed. They could have easily survived by getting out and sitting or lying next to their vehicles. All the crushed cars had voids 3 feet high next to them, except for the cars that had columns fall directly across them.

10) I discovered, while crawling inside of collapsed newspaper offices and other offices with a lot of paper, that paper does not compact. Large voids are found surrounding stacks of paper.



The Master - Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star



Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted an old friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE" When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit." "Keep playing." Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played, only the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

Perhaps that's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't always graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work can truly be beautiful. The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit." "Keep playing."

May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces.



Websites to Visit

Please pay close attention to the material at the links below. This pervasive substance could be a threat to all of us. Feel free to send any comments my way.

www.dhmo.org/facts.html and the Material Safety Data Sheet:
www.dhmo.org/msdsdhmo.html



MasterCard commercial

<http://www.obrienpc.com/humor/mastercard.html>



Pictures of the Month



Some humor or attempts at it

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

From: Norine Fisher norfish@hotmail.com

Andy Rooney says

Andy Rooney says.... " (and it's true except for the bright lipstick drawing attention to their dried out cracked lips, Thank God for Andy's poor near vision - nf)



As I grow in age, I value women who are over 40 most of all. Here are just a few reasons why:

An over 40 woman will never wake you in the middle of the night to ask, "What are you thinking?" She doesn't care what you think.

If an over 40 woman doesn't want to watch the game, she doesn't sit around whining about it. She does something she wants to do. And it's usually something more interesting.

An over 40 woman knows herself well enough to be assured in who she is, what she is, what she wants, and from whom. Few women past the age of 40 give a darn what you might think about her or what she's doing.

An over 40 woman usually has had her fill of "meaningful relationships" and commitments." The last thing she wants in her life is another dopey, clingy, whiny, dependent lover.

Over 40 women are dignified. They seldom have a screaming match with you at the opera or in an expensive restaurant. Of course, if you deserve it, they won't hesitate to shoot you if they think they can get away with it.

Over 40 women are generous with praise, often undeserved. They know what it's like to be unappreciated.

An over 40 woman has the self-assurance to introduce you to her women friends. A younger woman with a man will often ignore even her best friend because she doesn't trust the guy with other women.

A woman over 40 could care less if you are attracted to her friends because she knows her friends won't betray her.

Women get psychic as they age. You never have to confess your sins to an over 40 woman. They always know.

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An over 40 woman looks good wearing bright red lipstick. This is not true of younger women. (Andy, check your vision - they don't good then, either,).

Over 40 women are forthright and honest. They'll tell you right off you are a jerk if you are acting like one. You don't ever have to wonder where you stand with her.

Yes, we praise over 40 women for a multitude of reasons. Unfortunately, it's not reciprocal. For every stunning, smart, well-coiffed hot woman of 40+ there is a bald, paunchy relic in yellow pants making a fool of himself with some 22-year-old waitress.

Ladies, I apologize.

Andy Rooney



From: Pete's mail peterofski@comcast.net

A retired Air Force pilot moved into a retirement community where good looking eligible men in good shape were at a premium. After he had been there for a week, he went to confession and said, "Bless me Father for I have sinned. Last week I had sex with seven different women."



The priest replied, "Take seven lemons, squeeze them into a glass and drink the juice without pausing."

"Will that cleanse me of my sins, Father?"

"No," said the priest, "but it will wipe that silly grin off your face!"



From: OITP Admiral J. Carl Cooper carl@pixelinstruments.tv
"THIRTY YEARS DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE !"

1972: Long hair

2002: Longing for hair

1972: The perfect high

2002: The perfect high yield mutual fund

1972: KEG

2002: EKG

1972: Acid rock

2002: Acid reflux

1972: Moving to California because it's cool

2002: Moving to California because it's warm

1972: Growing pot

2002: Growing pot belly

1972: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor

2002: Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor

1972: Seeds and stems
2002: Roughage

1972: Killer weed
2002: Weed killer

1972: Hoping for a BMW
2002: Hoping for a BM

1972: The Grateful Dead
2002: Dr. Kevorkian

1972: Going to a new, hip joint
2002: Receiving a new hip joint

1972: Rolling Stones
2002: Kidney Stones

1972: Being called into the
principal's office
2002: Calling the principal's office

1972: Screw the system
2002: Upgrade the system

1972: Disco
2002: Costco

1972: Parents begging you to get
your hair cut
2002: Children begging you to get
their heads shaved

1972: Passing the drivers' test
2002: Passing the vision test

1972: Whatever
2002: Depends



Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's incoming freshmen. Here's this year's list:

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1983. They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.

The CD was introduced the year they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.

They have always had cable.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers.

They never heard: "Where's the Beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel," or "de plane Boss, de plane."

They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

They do not care who shot J. R. and have no idea who J. R. even is.

Do you feel old yet? Pass this on to the other old fogies in your life.



From: Rod Stumhofer stumhofer@fiu.edu
Hurricane Preparedness.....

I believe this comes from our local meteorologist, Dave Barry (Miami Herald writer):

We're about to enter the peak of the hurricane season. Any day now, you're going to turn on the TV and see a weather person pointing to some radar blob out in the Atlantic Ocean and making two basic meteorological points.



- (1) There is no need to panic.
- (2) We could all be killed.

Yes, hurricane season is an exciting time to be in Florida. If you're new to the area, you're probably wondering what you need to do to prepare for the possibility that we'll get hit by "the big one". Based on insurance industry experience, it is recommended that you follow this simple three-step hurricane preparedness plan:

- STEP 1: Buy enough food and bottled water to last your family for at least three days.
STEP 2: Put these supplies into your car.
STEP 3: Drive to Nebraska and remain there until Halloween.

Unfortunately, statistics show that most people will not follow this sensible plan. Most people will foolishly stay here in Florida.

We'll start with one of the most important hurricane preparedness items:

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HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE: If you own a home, you must have hurricane insurance. Fortunately, this insurance is cheap and easy to get, as long as your home meets two basic requirements:

- (1) It is reasonably well-built, and
- (2) It is located in Wisconsin

Unfortunately, if your home is located in Florida, or any other area that might actually be hit by a hurricane, most insurance companies would prefer not to sell you hurricane insurance, because then they might be required to pay YOU money, and that is certainly not why they got into the insurance business in the first place. So you'll have to scrounge around for an insurance company, which will charge you an annual premium roughly equal to the replacement value of your house. At any moment, this company can drop you like used dental floss.

SHUTTERS: Your house should have hurricane shutters on all the windows, all the doors, there are several types of shutters, with advantages and disadvantages:



Plywood shutters:

The advantage is that, because you make them yourself, they're cheap.

Sheet-metal shutters:

The advantage is that these work well, once you get them all up. The disadvantage is that once you get

them all up, your hands will be useless bleeding stumps, and it will be probably be December.

Roll-down shutters:

The advantages are that they're very easy to use, and will definitely protect your house. The disadvantage is that you will have to sell your house to pay for them.

Hurricane-Proof windows:

These are the newest wrinkle in hurricane protection: They look like ordinary windows, but they can withstand hurricane winds! You can be sure of this, because the salesman says so. He lives in Nebraska.

Hurricane proofing your property:

As the hurricane approaches, check your yard for movable objects like barbecue grills, planters, patio furniture, visiting relatives, etc...You should, as a precaution, throw these items into your swimming pool (if you don't have a swimming pool, you should have one

built immediately). Otherwise, the hurricane winds will turn these objects into deadly missiles.

EVACUATION ROUTE:

If you live in a low-lying area, you should have an evacuation route planned out. (To determine whether you live in a low-lying area, look at your driver's license; if it says "Florida," you live in a low-lying area). The purpose of having an evacuation route is to avoid being trapped in your home when a major storm hits. Instead, you will be trapped in a gigantic traffic jam several miles from your home, along with two hundred thousand other evacuees. So, as a bonus, you will not be lonely.

HURRICANE SUPPLIES:

If you don't evacuate, you will need a mess of supplies. Do not buy them now! Florida tradition requires that you wait until the last possible minute, then go to the supermarket and get into vicious fights with strangers over who gets the last can of SPAM. In addition to food and water, you will need the following supplies:

- ♠ 23 flashlights; at least \$167 worth of batteries that turn out, when the power goes off, to be the wrong size for the flashlights.
- ♠ Bleach. (No, I don't know what the bleach is for. NOBODY knows what the bleach is for, but it's traditional, so GET some!)
- ♠ A big knife that you can strap to your leg. (This will be useless in a hurricane, but it looks cool.)
- ♠ A large quantity of raw chicken, to placate the alligators. (Ask anybody who went through Andrew; after the hurricane, there WILL be irate alligators.)
- ♠ \$35,000 in cash or diamonds so that, after the hurricane passes, you can buy a generator from a man having no discernible teeth.

Of course these are just basic precautions. As the hurricane draws near, it is vitally important that you keep abreast of the situation by turning on your television and watching TV reporters in rain slickers stand right next to the ocean and tell you over and over how vitally important it is for everybody to stay away from the ocean.

Good luck, and remember: its great living in Paradise.

A Floridian



On the Beam

By OITP Commodore Bill C. Bean bill.c.bean@exgate.tek.com
(Editor's note: Bill has not been brave enough to provide us with a picture, yet.)

INNER PEACE



I am passing this on to you as it has definitely worked for me....and we could all use a little calm. By following the simple advice read in an article I have finally found inner peace. The article read...

"The way to find inner peace is to finish all the things you have started."

So I looked around the house to see all the things I had started and hadn't finished.... and before leaving the house this morning I finished off a bottle of red wine, a bottle of white, the Bailey's, the Kahlua, the Wild Turkey, the J&B scotch, the Prozac, some Xanax, some cheesecake and a box of chocolates. You have no idea how freakin' good I feel.....



You may pass this on to those you feel are in need of Inner Peace--



Personal ads" in the Dublin News



Heavy drinker, 35, Cork area. Seeks gorgeous sex addict interested in a man who loves his pints, cigarettes, Glasgow Celtic Football Club and starting fights on Patrick Street at three o'clock in the morning.

Bitter, disillusioned Dublin man, lately rejected by long-time fiancée, seeks decent, honest, reliable woman, if such a thing still exists in this cruel world of hatchet-faced witches.

Ginger haired Galway man, a trouble-maker, gets slit-eyed and blitzed after a few scoops seeks attractive, wealthy lady for bail purposes, maybe more.

Bad tempered, foul-mouthed old bastard, living in a damp cottage in the arse end of Roscommon, seeks attractive 21 year old blonde lady, with a lovely chest.

Devil-worshipper, Offaly area, seeks like-minded lady, for wining and dining, good conversation, dancing, romantic walks, and slaughtering cats in cemeteries at midnight under the flinty light of a pale moon.

Limerick man, 27, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks alibi for the night of February 27 between 8 PM and 11:30 PM.

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Optimistic Mayo man, 35, seeks a blonde 20 year old double-jointed supermodel, who owns her own brewery, and has an open-minded twin sister.



Newly Wed Senior Citizen

At 85 years of age, Morris married Lou Anne, a lovely 25-year-old.

Since her new husband is so old, Lou Anne decides that after their wedding she and Morris should have separate bedrooms, because she is concerned that her new but aged husband may over-exert himself if they spend the entire night together.



After the wedding festivities Lou Anne prepares herself for bed and the expected "knock" on the door. Sure enough the knock comes, the door opens and there is Morris, her 85-year-old groom ready for action.

They unite as one. All goes well, Morris takes leave of his bride, and she prepares to go to sleep. After a few minutes, Lou Anne hears another knock on her bedroom door, and it's Morris.

Again he is ready for more "action." Somewhat surprised, Lou Anne consents for more coupling. When the newlyweds are done, Morris kisses his bride, bids her a fond goodnight and leaves.

She is set to go to sleep again, but, aha, you guessed it - Morris is back again, rapping on the door, and is as fresh as a 25-year-old, ready for more "action." Once again they enjoy each other. But as Morris gets set to leave again, his young bride says to him, "I am thoroughly impressed that at your age you can perform so well and so often. I have been with guys less than a third of your age who were only good once. You are truly a great lover, Morris."

Morris, somewhat embarrassed, turns to Lou Anne and says, "You mean I was here already?"



Terrorist Alert in France

API and UPI reported that the French Government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "run" to "hide."



The only two higher levels in France are "surrender" and "collaborate."

This may have been precipitated by the recent fire which destroyed one of their White Flag factories, disabling their Military for the time being.



THE CONVERSATION

Two nicely dressed ladies happen to start up a conversation while waiting in the LAX airport. The 1st lady was an arrogant California woman married to a wealthy man. The second was a well mannered elderly woman from the South.

When the conversation centered on if they had any children the California woman started by saying, "When my first child was born, my husband built a beautiful mansion for me."

The lady from the South commented, "Well, isn't that nice??"

The first woman continued, "When my second child was born, my husband bought me a beautiful Mercedes-Benz."

Again, the lady from the South commented, "Well, isn't that nice??"

The first woman continued boasting, "Then, when my third child was born, my husband bought me this exquisite diamond bracelet."

Yet again, the Southern lady commented, "Well, isn't that nice??"

The first woman then asked her companion, "What did your husband buy for you when you had your first child?"

"My husband sent me to charm school," declared the Southern lady.

"Charm school??" the first woman cried, "Oh my God! What on earth for?"

The Southern lady responded, "Well for one thing, instead of saying 'Who gives a s...t?' I learned to say, 'Well, isn't that nice.'"



Martha Stewart vs. Maxine

- Martha's Way

Stuff a miniature marshmallow in the bottom of a sugar cone to prevent ice cream drips.

- Maxine's Way

Just suck the ice cream out of the bottom of the cone, for Pete's sake! You are probably lying on the couch with your feet up eating it, anyway!



- Martha's Way

To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes.

- Maxine's Way

Buy Hungry Jack mashed potato mix and keep it in the pantry for up to a year.



- Martha's Way

When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake

- Maxine's Way Go to the bakery! They'll even decorate it for you.

- Martha's Way

If you accidentally over-salt a dish while it's still cooking, drop in a peeled potato and it will absorb the excess salt for an instant "fix-me-up."

- Maxine's Way

If you over-salt a dish while you are cooking, that's too bad. Please recite with me the real woman's motto: "I made it and you will eat it and I don't care how bad it tastes!"

- Martha's Way

Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.

- Maxine's Way

Celery? Never heard of it!

- Martha's Way

Brush some beaten egg white over pie crust before baking to yield a beautiful glossy finish.

- Maxine's Way

The Mrs. Smith frozen pie directions do not include brushing egg whites over the crust so I don't.

- Martha's Way

Cure for headaches: take a lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.

- Maxine's Way

Take a lime, mix it with tequila, chill and drink!

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- Martha's Way

If you have a problem opening jars, try using latex dishwashing gloves. They give a non-slip grip that makes opening jars easy.

- Maxine's Way

Go ask that very cute neighbor if he can open it for you.

- Martha's Way

Don't throw out all that leftover wine. Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces.

- Maxine's Way

Leftover wine???????? HEL-LO !!!!!.



What is a true friend?



A good friend will come and bail you out of jail...but, a true friend will be sitting next to you saying, "Damn...that was fun!"



Waiting in line

Still funny the umpteenth time around.

(For you frequent flyers out there....)

Waiting in a long, slow-moving line for security clearance at the Calgary International Airport, I was annoyed to hear a loud male voice behind me.



"Excuse me, excuse me,"

said the man as he pushed his way to the front. "I want to make sure I get a good seat."

I resolved not to let this line-jumper get ahead of me. When I felt a tap on my shoulder, I slowly turned around, prepared to clue in the line jumper . . . but found myself face to face with a grinning pilot.

Here are some conversations that airline passengers normally will never hear. The following are accounts of actual exchanges between airline pilots and control towers around the world.

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles!"

Delta 351: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches!"

"TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 Degrees."

"Centre, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?"

"Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

O'Hare Approach Control to a 747: "United 329 heavy, your traffic is a Fokker, one o'clock, three miles, Eastbound."

United 239: "Approach, I've always wanted to say this. I've got the Little Fokker in sight."

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?"

Student: "When I was number one for take-off."

A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down.

San Jose Tower Noted: "American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if, you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport."

There's a story about the military pilot calling for a priority landing because his single-engine jet fighter was running "a bit peaked."

Air Traffic Control told the fighter jock that he was number two behind a B-52 that had one engine shut down.

"Ah," the fighter pilot remarked, "The dreaded seven-engine approach."

Taxiing down the Tarmac, a DC-10 abruptly stopped, turned and returned to the gate. After an hour-long wait, it took off. A concerned passenger asked the flight attendant, "What exactly, was the problem?"

"The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine," explained the flight attendant. "It took us a while to find a new pilot."

A Pan Am 727 flight waiting for start clearance in Munich overheard the following: Lufthansa (in German): "Ground, what is our start clearance time?"

Ground (in English): "If you want an answer you must speak in English."

Lufthansa (in English): "I am a German, flying a German airplane, in Germany. Why must I speak English?"

Unknown voice from another plane (in a beautiful British accent): "Because you lost the bloody war."

Tower: "Eastern 702, cleared for take-off, contact Departure on frequency 124.7"

Eastern 702: "Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Continental 635, cleared for take-off behind Eastern 702. Contact Departure on frequency 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern 702?"

Continental 635: "Continental 635, cleared for take-off, roger; and yes, we copied Eastern ... we've already notified our caterers."

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee.

Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"

The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

While taxiing at London's Gatwick Airport, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727. An irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming: "US Air 2771, where the hell are you going?! I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!" Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "God! Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?"

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"Yes, ma'am, I the humbled crew responded.

Naturally, the ground control communications frequency fell terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to chance engaging the irate ground controller in her current state of mind. Tension in every cockpit out around Gatwick was definitely running high.

Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence and keyed his microphone, asking: "Wasn't I married to you once?"

The German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206.

Speedbird 206. "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway."

Ground: "Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One~Seven."

The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

Ground (with quite arrogant impatience): "Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark, and I didn't land."



It's a dog's life

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Don Hetland

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.

Ann Landers

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.

Will Rogers

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

-Josh Billings

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.

-Andy Rooney

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.

-M. Acklam

Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate.

-Sigmund Freud

I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult.

-Rita Rudner

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down.

-Robert Benchley

Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard.

-Dave Barry

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.

-Franklin P. Jones

If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons.

-James Thurber

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.

-Unknown

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money.

-Joe Weinstein

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul -- chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!

-Anne Tyler

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

-Robert A. Heinlein

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

-Mark Twain

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!'

- Dave Barry

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

-Roger Caras

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them.

-Phil Pastoret

My goal in life is to be as good of a person as my dog thinks I am.

-Chuck Johnson



Employee Evaluations

THESE ARE ACTUAL QUOTES TAKEN FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS.

1. "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock-bottom and has started to dig."

3. "This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definite won't be."



2. "I would not allow this employee to breed."

4. "Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."

5. "When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet."

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6. "He would be out of his depth in a parking lot puddle."

7 "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."

8. "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."

9. "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."

10. "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts, the better."

11. "Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together."

12. "A gross ignoramus...144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus."

13. "He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier."!

14. "I would like to go hunting with him sometime."

15. "He's been working with glue too much."

16. "He would argue with a signpost."

17. "He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room."

18. "When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell."

19. "If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one."

20. "A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on."

21. "A prime candidate for natural de-selection."

22. "Donated his brain to science before he was through using it"

23. "Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming."

24. "He's got two brains, one is lost and the other is out looking for it."

25. "If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week."

26. "If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change."

27. "If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean."

28. "It's hard to believe he beat off 1,000,000 other sperm."

29. "One neuron short of a synapse."

30. "Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled."

31. "Takes him 2 hours to watch '60 Minutes'."

32. "The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead."



High School reunion

Laura was attending her High School reunion and was having a blast. As the evening was drawing to a close, the master of ceremonies for the night proceeded to hand out bottles of champagne to the graduates who had traveled the farthest distance to attend the reunion, the graduate who had been married the longest time, the graduate who had become the most successful, etc. And Laura wondered if she was going to get a prize too. Sure enough, the master of ceremonies called out her name. "Laura, you win with 11 kids." and then, trying to be clever, he added in "And champagne is only half the prize.



The other half is a giant, economy size bottle of aspirin."

"Don't bother with the aspirin," Laura replied. "It's obvious with this many kids that I've never had a headache."



Burt's Humor

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How to get the kids to come over...



An elderly man in Miami calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing. Forty-five years of misery is enough." "Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone, "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls her father immediately and screams at the old man, "You are NOT getting divorced! Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back! , and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "They're coming for yuntov and paying their own airfares."



Technology vs Religion

You may not have noticed the problem facing Boston area Jews this September. The upcoming critical Red Sox - Yankees series at Fenway Park starts the same night as Kol

Nidre, the solemnest time of the Jewish calendar. This has put many local fans into a quandary.

A very distressed Red Sox fan goes to his rabbi.

"Rabbi," he says, "I don't know what to do. I know that tomorrow night is Kol Nidre, but the Red Sox are playing the Yankees and Pedro Martinez is pitching."

The rabbi smiles. "That's alright. It's for nights like this that God invented VCRs."

"Really?" the man said, his face lighting up, "I can tape Kol Nidre?"



Some Pratt-cal Things

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the other.

New Oxford Dictionary

Below is the new Oxford Dictionary latest definition of the following words.

Cigarette : A pinch of tobacco rolled in paper with fire at one end & a fool on

Conference Room : A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on.

Classic : A book which people praise, but do not read.

Lecture : An art of transferring information from the notes of the Lecturer to the notes of the students without passing through the minds of either.

Office : A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

Etc. : A sign to make others believe that you know more than you actually do.

Conference : The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present.

Committee : Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.

Compromise : The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.

Experience : The name men give to their mistakes.

Tears : The hydraulic force by which masculine will-power is defeated by feminine water power.

Atomic Bomb : An invention to end all inventions.

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Philosopher : A fool who torments himself during life, to be spoken of when dead.

Diplomat : A person who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.

Father : A banker provided by nature.

Boss : Someone who is early when you are late and late when you are early.

Doctor : A person who kills your ills by pills, and kills you with his bills.



Some old , some new, but appropriate.....

1.. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.

2.. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.

3.. I Work Hard Because Millions On Welfare Depend on Me!

4.. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.

5.. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

6.. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.

7.. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.

8.. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

9.. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.

10.. I'm not a complete idiot --Some parts are missing.

11.. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.

12. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.

13.. God must love stupid people; He made so many.

14.. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

15.. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

16.. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

17.. Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!

18.. Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.

19.. Procrastinate Now!

20.. I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts; Do You Want Fries With That?

21.. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

22.. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance

23.. STUPIDITY IS NOT A HANDICAP. Park elsewhere!

24.. They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.

25.. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless dead.

26.. A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.

27.. HAM AND EGGS - A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.

28.. The trouble with life is there's no background music.



BEER TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

SYMPTOM	FAULT	ACTION
Feet cold and wet.	Glass being held at incorrect angle.	Rotate glass so that open end points toward ceiling.
Feet warm and wet.	Improper bladder control.	Stand next to nearest dog, complain about house training.
Beer unusually pale and tasteless.	Glass empty.	Get someone to buy you another beer
Opposite wall covered with fluorescent lights.	You have fallen over backward.	Have yourself leashed to bar.
Mouth contains cigarette butts.	You have fallen forward.	See above.
Beer tasteless, front of your shirt is wet.	Mouth not open, or glass applied to wrong part of face.	Retire to restroom, practice in mirror.
Floor blurred.	You are looking through bottom of empty glass.	Get someone to buy you another beer.
Floor moving.	You are being carried out.	Find out if you are being taken to another bar.
Room seems unusually dark.	Bar has closed.	Confirm home address with bartender.

Taxi suddenly takes on colorful aspect
and textures.

Beer consumption has exceeded
personal limitations.

Cover mouth.

Everyone looks up to you and smiles.

You are dancing on the table.

Fall on somebody cushy-looking.

Beer is crystal-clear.

It's water. Somebody is trying to
sober you up.

Punch him.

Hands hurt, nose hurts, mind unusually
clear.

You have been in a fight.

Apologize to everyone you see, just
in case it was them.

Indubitably

Innovative

Proliferation

Cinnamon

Don't recognize anyone, don't recognize
the room you're in.

You've wandered into the wrong
party.

See if they have free beer.

Your singing sounds distorted.

The beer is too weak.

Have more beer until your voice
improves.

Don't remember the words to the song.

Beer is just right.

Play air guitar.



THINGS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK

Preliminary

THINGS THAT ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK

Specificity

British Constitution

Passive-aggressive disorder

Loquacious Transubstantiate



THINGS THAT ARE DOWNRIGHT IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK

Thanks, but I don't want to have sex

Nope, no more booze for me

Sorry, but you're not really my type

Good evening officer, isn't it lovely out tonight

Oh, I just couldn't. No one wants to hear me sing

I'm happily married, please go away

I'm not usually this witty

No, I'm not taking you home



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People over 35 should be dead.
(This one really made us smile!!!)

Here's why

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40's, 50's, 60's, or even maybe the early 70's probably shouldn't have survived.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.)

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors!

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. NO CELL PHONES!!!!!! Unthinkable!

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, Video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms.

We had friends! We went outside and found them.

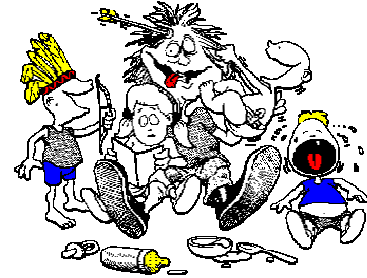
We played dodge ball, and sometimes, the ball would really hurt.

We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth,
and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

They were accidents.

No one was to blame but us.

Remember accidents?



We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team.

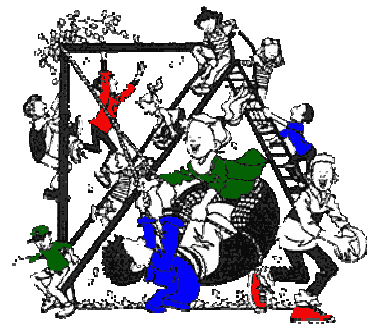
Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade. Horrors!

Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own.

Consequences were expected.



The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever.

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

And you're one of them! Congratulations!



Heat

A little girl asked her Mom, "Mom, may I take the dog for a walk around the block?"

Mom replies, "No, because she's in heat."



"What's that mean?" asked the child.

"Go ask your father. I think he's in the garage."

The little girl goes to the garage and says, "Dad, may I take Belle for a walk around the block? I asked Mom, but she said the dog was in heat, and to come to you."

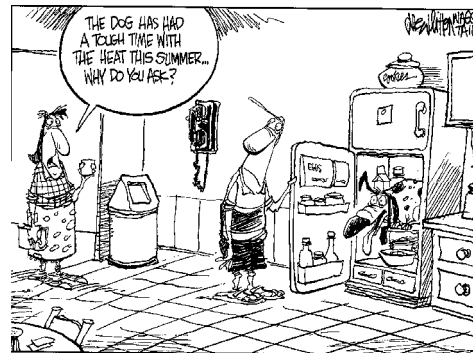
Dad said, "Bring Belle over here."

He took a rag, soaked it with gasoline, and scrubbed the dog's backside with it and said, "Okay, you can go now, but keep Belle on the leash and only go one time around the block."

The little girl left, and returned a few minutes later with no dog on the leash.

Surprised, Dad asked, "Where's Belle?"

The little girl said, "She ran out of gas about halfway down the block, so another dog is pushing her home."



Far out Farrar



Steven Wright sayings

- I planted some birdseed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.
- I had amnesia once -- maybe twice.
- I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart.
- Photons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
- All I ask is a chance to prove money can't make me happy.
- I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.
- If the world were a logical place, men would ride horses' sidesaddle.
- What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?
- They told me I was gullible.... and I believed them.

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- Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up he'll never be able to edge his car onto a freeway.
- Two can live as cheaply as one, for half as long.
- Two can live as cheap as one – if they are a horse and a sparrow.
- Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.
- What if there were no hypothetical questions?
- One nice thing about egotists... they don't talk about other people.
- When the only tool you own is a hammer, every problem begins to look like a nail.
- A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.
- What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?
- My weight is perfect for my height..., which varies.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
- The high cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.
- How can there be self-help "groups"?
- Is there another word for synonym?
- The speed of time is one second per second.
- Is it possible to be totally partial?
- What's another word for thesaurus?
- Is Marx's tomb a communist plot?
- If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?
- Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off.
- It's not an optical illusion. It just looks like one.
- Is it my imagination, or do Buffalo wings taste like chicken.



YOU JUST MIGHT BE A BLUENECK IF...

(In this section, we've added a few Redneck pictures just for spice)

BlueNecks are Northerners -- the opposite of Rednecks. Because of Redneck jokes, here are some takes on how Southern folks look at Northerners (or how Northerners sometimes think of themselves.)



Redneck Swimming Pool

...Instead of referring to two or more people as "Y'all," you call them "yous guys," even if both of them are women.

...You think barbecue is a verb meaning "to cook outside."

...You think Heinz Ketchup is really SPICY.

...You would never stop to buy something somebody was cooking on the side of the road (e.g., boiled peanuts) .

...You don't have any problems pronouncing "Worcestershire sauce" correctly.

...For breakfast, you would prefer potatoes-au-gratin to grits.

...You don't know what a moon pie is.

...You've never had an RC Cola.

...You've never, ever eaten okra -- fried, boiled, or pickled.

...You eat fried chicken with a knife and fork.

...You've never seen a live chicken, and the

only cows you've seen are on road trips.

...You have no idea what a polecat is.

..You don't see anything wrong with putting a sweater on your dog.

...You don't have bangs.

...You would rather have your son become a lawyer than grow up to get his own TV fishing show.



Redneck Church

You drink either "pop" or "soda"- instead of "Cokes."

....You've never eaten and don't know how to make a tomato sandwich.

...You have never planned your summer vacation around a gun-'n -knife show.

...You think more money should go to important scientific research at your university than to pay the salary of the head football coach



Redneck home school



Redneck snow plow

You don't even have one can of WD-40 somewhere around the house.

...The last time you smiled was when you blocked someone from getting on an on-ramp to the highway.

....You don't have any hats in your closet that advertise feed stores.

...You have more than one professional sports team in your home state.

...You call binoculars opera glasses.

...You can't spit out the car window without pulling over to the side of the road and stopping.

...You don't know anyone with at least two first names (e.g., Joe Bob, Faye Ellen, Billy Ray, Mary Jo, Bubba Dean, Joe Dan, Mary Alice).



...You don't know any women with male names (e.g., Tommie, Bobbie, Johnnie, Jimmie).

...You don't have maw-maws and paw-paws.

...You get freaked out when people on the subway talk



to you.

..None of your fur coats are homemade.



Gentle thoughts for today...



- Birds of a feather flock together and crap on your car.
- When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- Don't assume malice for what stupidity can explain.
- A penny saved is a government oversight.
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

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- He who hesitates is probably right.
- If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.
- Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs"?
- Did you ever notice: The Roman Numeral for forty (40) is "XL"?



Quotable quotes



- We are made strong by the difficulties we face not by those we evade!
- Ignorance is lack of knowledge, stupidity is ignorance with pride!
- There is a haunting fear that someone, somewhere, can actually help themselves.
- Life is a journey not a guided tour!
- FREEDOM OF THE PRESS -Does not include the right to lie, twist, and distort ALL facts to suit any agenda!
- "Patriotism means to stand by the country; it does not mean to stand by the President or any other public official!" *Theodore Roosevelt*
- POLITICAL CORRECTNESS: Means always having to say you are sorry!
- I'd rather be historically accurate, Than POLITICALLY CORRECT!
- Chaos, panic, and disorder... My work here is done Grasshopper!



WORDS OF WISDOM

- People who live in glass houses should make love in the basement.
- Never read the fine print. There ain't no way you're going to like it.
- If you let a smile be your umbrella, then most likely your ass will get soaking wet and you will gargle rain.
- The only two things we do with greater frequency in old age are urinate and attend funerals.
- The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
- To err is human, to forgive - highly unlikely.
- Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (Can't you just visualize this?)

- Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than in a Hyundai.
- Drinking makes people see double and feel single...
- Living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween.
- After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.



New Definitions

READ SLOWLY---IT MAY TAKE A WHILE FOR THE LIGHT TO SHINE

1. ARBITRATOR: A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonalds
2. AVOIDABLE: What a bullfighter tried to do
3. BERNADETTE: The act of torching a mortgage
4. BURGLARIZE: What a crook sees with
5. CONTROL: A short, ugly inmate
6. COUNTERFEITERS: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets!
7. ECLIPSE: What an English barber does for a living
8. EYEDROPPER: A clumsy ophthalmologist
9. HEROES: What a guy in a boat does
- 10.. LEFTBANK: What the robber did when his bag was full of money
11. MISTY: How golfers create divots
12. PARADOX: Two physicians
13. PARASITES: What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower
14. PHARMACIST: A helper on the farm
15. POLARIZE: What penguins see with
16. PRIMATE: Removing your spouse from in front of the TV
17. RELIEF: What trees do in the spring
18. RUBBERNECK: What you do to relax your wife
19. SELFISH: What the owner of a seafood store does
20. SUDAFED: Brought litigation against a government official!



Old Sayings-Up to date

- Don't name a pig you plan to eat.
- Country fences need to be horse high, pig tight, and bull strong.
- Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.
- Keep skunks and lawyers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps.
- A bumble bee is faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Trouble with a milk cow is she won't stay milked.

- Don't skinny dip with snapping turtles.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
- Meanness don't happen overnight.
- To know how country folks are doing, look at their barns, not their houses.
- Never lay an angry hand on a kid or an animal, it just ain't helpful.
- Teachers, Moms, and hoot owls sleep with one eye open.
- Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads.
- Don't sell your mule to buy a plow.
- Two can live as cheap as one if one don't eat.
- Don't corner something meaner than you.
- You can catch more flies with honey than vinegar, assuming you want to catch flies.
- Man is the only critter who feels the need to label things as flowers or weeds.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- Don't go huntin' with a fellow named Chug-A-Lug.
- You can't unsay a cruel thing.
- Every path has some puddles.
- Don't wrestle with pigs: You'll get all muddy and the pigs will love it.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff people worry about never happens.



POLITICALLY CORRECT?

HOW TO SPEAK ABOUT WOMEN AND BE POLITICALLY CORRECT:

1. She is not a **BABE** or a **CHICK** - She is a **BREASTED AMERICAN**.
2. She is not a **SCREAMER** or a **MOANER** - She is **VOCALLY APPRECIATIVE**.
3. She is not **EASY** - She is **HORIZONTALLY ACCESSIBLE**.
4. She is not a **DUMB BLONDE** - She is a **LIGHT HAURED DETOUR OFF THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY**.
5. She has not **BEEN AROUND** - She is a **PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED COMPANION**.
6. She is not an **AIRHEAD** - She is **REALITY IMPAIRED**.
7. She does not get **DRUNK** or **TIPSY** - She gets **CHEMICALLY INCONVENIENCED**.
8. She does not have **BREAST IMPLANTS** - She is **MEDICALLY ENHANCED**.
9. She does not **NAG YOU** - She becomes **VERBALLY REPETITIVE**.

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10. She is not a Tramp - She is **SEXUALLY EXTROVERTED**.
11. She does not have **MAJOR LEAGUE HOOTERS** - She is **PECTORALLY SUPERIOR**.
12. She is not a **TWO-BIT Hooker** - She is a **LOW COST PROVIDER**.

HOW TO SPEAK ABOUT MEN AND BE POLITICALLY CORRECT:

1. He does not have a **BEER GUT** - He has developed a **LIQUID GRAIN STORAGE FACILITY**.
2. He is not a **BAD DANCER** - He is **OVERLY CAUCASIAN**.
3. He does not **GET LOST ALL THE TIME** - He **INVESTIGATES ALTERNATIVE DESTINATIONS**.
4. He is not **BALDING** - He is in **FOLLICLE REGRESSION**.
5. He is not a **CRADLE ROBBER** - He prefers **GENERATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS**.
6. He does not get **FALLING-DOWN DRUNK**-He becomes **ACCIDENTALLY HORIZONTAL**.
7. He does not act like a **TOTAL ASS** - He develops a case of **RECTAL-CRANIAL INVERSION**.
8. He is not a **MALE CHAUVINIST PIG** - He has **SWINE EMPATHY**.
9. He is not afraid of **COMMITMENT** - He is **MONOGAMOUSLY CHALLENGED**.
10. He is not **HORNY** - He is **SEXUALLY FOCUSED**.
11. Its not his crack you see hanging out of his pants..... It's **REAR CLEAVAGE**.



THE FROG



The frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack. "Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday," says the frog. Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger,

his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager. Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral. The frog says, "Sure, I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office. She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog named Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant, "I mean, what in the world is this?"

(You're gonna love this It's a real treat, a masterpiece) (Wait for it)

The bank manager looks back at her and says,,, "It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

(You're singing it, aren't you? Yeah, I know you are...)

Never take life too seriously!
Come on now, you grinned, I know you did!!

Have a great day!!



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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