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Useless Trivia

Americans use over 16,000 tones of aspirin a year.

If you could drive to the sun at 55 miles per hour it would take about 193 years.

On any given day in the United States, over 100 convenience stores are robbed.

Don't know why, but people living in mountain states eat 30% more cookies than other people.

A mosquito has 47 teeth.

Ants do not sleep.

The average life span of an umbrella is 1 ½ years.

The average American uses eight times as much fuel as anyone else in the world.

The Statue of Liberty's mouth is three feet wide.

Six percent of all American men are killed by either their wife or girlfriend or wife who caught them with their girlfriend.

Howdy Doody had 48 freckles.

Most American car horns honk in the key of F.

Personal Growth!

Three simple words (tenfold) for a better life: Improving your life begins with your attitude. You don't need subliminal tapes or hypnosis. Just try using some of these three-word phrases more often:

- I thank you
- Please forgive me
- I trust you
- Let me help
- I believe you
- I forgive you
- Maybe you're right
- Count on me
- I understand you
- Go for it

Positive activities to promote positive thinking: Positive thinking isn't all mental. Here are a few simple physical activities you can do to improve your outlook:

- **Keep your back straight.** Good posture makes you appear stronger and more confident, and when you're perceived that way by others your self-image will improve
- **Smile.** You'll look more attractive, and the mere act of smiling can often lift a person's mood and spirits.
- **Exercise.** You'll relieve physical stress, release endorphins and enjoy the positive effects of being in shape.

QUOTES.

A book review is like baking a cake with all the best ingredients and having someone sit on it.

Danielle Steel

Although golf was originally restricted to wealthy people, it's now open to anybody who owns hideous clothing.

Dave Barry

The hardest years in life are those between 10 and 70.

Helen Hayes

I only know two pieces one is Clair de Lune and the other isn't.

Victor Borge

You don't concentrate on risks. You concentrate on results. No task is too great to prevent the necessary job from getting done.

Chuck Yeager

Ability is the art of getting credit for all the home runs someone else hits.

Casey Stengel

Football isn't a contact sport, it's a collision sport. Dancing is a contact sport.

Vince Lombardi

After two days in the hospital, I took a turn for the nurse.

W. C. Fields

You may have seen this before –we think it's worth repeating.

At a fundraising dinner for a school that serves children with learning disabilities, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended.

When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does is done with perfection. Yet my son Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is the natural order of things in my son?

The father continued. I believe that when a child like Shay who was mentally and physically disabled comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes in the way other people treat that child.

Shay and I had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they'll let me play?" I knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but as a father I also understood that if my son were allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging.

I approached one of the boys on the field and asked if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance and said "We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning."

Shay struggled over to the team's bench and, the boys saw my joy at my son being accepted. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the right field. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat. At this juncture, do they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. As Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher, recognizing that the other team was putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least make contact.

As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher. The game would now be over. The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and threw the ball right over the first baseman's head, out of reach of all team mates. Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, "Shay, run to first! Run to first!"

By the time Shay rounded towards second base, the right fielder had the ball he understood the pitcher's intentions so he, too, intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third-baseman's head. Shay ran toward third base. All were screaming, "Shay, Shay, all the way Shay". As Shay rounded third the boys from both teams, and the spectators, were on their feet screaming, "Shay, run home!" Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the grand slam and won the game for his team.

'That day', said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, 'the boys from both teams help bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world.' Shay didn't make it to another summer. He died that winter, having never forgotten being hero.

A WISE MAN ONCE SAID EVERY SOCIETY IS JUDGED BY HOW IT TREATS ITS LEAST FORTUNATE AMONGST THEM.

MAY YOUR DAY, BE A SHAY DAY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

SIEA's Capitol Chili Day

Wednesday, March 3rd 2010

Did You Know?

PANTS ON THE GROUND

“General” Larry Platt is one of the heroes of the civil rights era, but he is experiencing 15 minutes of fame as the result of his appearance performing “Pants On The Ground” last week on American Idol in Atlanta. Even though Platt’s performance cracked everyone up, Platt is not your standard Idol outtake (and not only because he’s well over the cut off age of 28). Beaten by law enforcement officers during the 1965 “Bloody Sunday” march in Alabama, Platt earned the nickname “General for his role in the civil rights era.

“Pants On the Ground” is Platt’s hilariously piece of cultural criticism protesting, “That too-stubborn urban fashion statement: pants worn low, crotch almost at the knees – a sign of disrespect and a thumb in the eye to many civil rights activists like Platt who fought to raise the profile of black Americans in US society.” Platt disses those who are “Lookin’ like a fool with (their) pants on the ground.” Well said, Mr. Platt.

GRINS & GIGGLES

What money can't buy

A very rich investor was bragging to a well-off author at a cocktail party: "You know, I made more money on one investment last month than you've made with all your best-sellers. I'll probably make more money this year than you'll make in your entire life. What do you think of that?" The author replied, "That may be true, but I have one thing you'll never have." "What's that?" "Enough."

When you can't just say, 'You idiot!'

You can't call your boss "stupid," even if he or she really does make Dilbert's pointy-haired manager look like Einstein. Here are some euphemistic phrases that might get the message across just as well:

- Having him show up is equal to having two good people call in sick
- She has two speeds: dead slow, and full stop.
- If you offered him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change.
- The cheese slid off that guy's cracker years ago.
- Lots of smart people work at this company. She isn't one of them.
- Not only is he not the sharpest knife in the drawer - he's actually a spoon.

Resolutions

Time for some New Year's resolutions? Here are some silly ones:

- Stop sitting in my living room all day in my pajamas. Instead, I will move my computer into the bedroom.
- Figure out why I really need 12 e-mail addresses.
- Think of a computer password other than "password."
- Stop sending e-mail, text messages, and instant messages to people when I'm already on the phone with them.
- Spend more time with neglected children - my own.

Humor on board

Be safe when you're driving: Don't laugh yourself into an accident when you read these bumper stickers:

- EARTH FIRST! We'll strip mine the other planets later.
- The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- Make it idiot proof - and someone will make a better idiot.
- Ambivalent? Well, yes and no. . .
- Don't bother me. I'm living happily ever after.
- I'm not driving fast - just flying low.
- If you can read this - I can hit my brakes and sue you.

Super Bowl Fun Facts

Kurt Warner has the most passing yards in a Super Bowl. John Elway threw for 336 yards against Atlanta in Super Bowl XXXIII. Doug Williams threw for 340 yards against Denver in Super Bowl XXII. Joe Montana threw for 357 yards against Cincinnati in Super Bowl XXIII. Kurt Warner threw for 414 yards against Tennessee in Super Bowl XXXIV.

In Super Bowl XXXII each member of the winning team received \$48,000. Each member of the losing team received \$29,000.

The first Super Bowl was held on January 15th, 1967. It featured the Green Bay Packers against the Kansas City Chiefs at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The Green Bay Packers won the game 35-10

Joe Namath was MVP in Super Bowl III. 'Broadway Joe' shone in the Jets' victory over the Baltimore Colts.

Super Bowl tickets prices over the years:

Super Bowl I - 1967	\$6.00 - \$12.00
Super Bowl XV - 1981	\$40.00
Super Bowl XXII - 1988	\$100.00
Super Bowl XXX - 1996	\$200.00 - \$350.00
Super Bowl XXXIII - 1999	\$325.00
Super Bowl XLIV - 2010	\$1,810.00

VALENTINE'S TRIVIA

More than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.

When it comes to present time, women prefer a gift after a nice dinner, while most men prefer gifts first thing in the morning.

Children receive 39 percent of all Valentine's Day candy and gifts. Following them are wives/mothers (36 percent), Fathers/husbands (6 percent), grandparents (3 percent), and pets (1 percent).

About 8 billion hearts will be produced this year; that's enough candy to stretch from Rome, Italy to Valentine, Arizona 20 times, and back again.

The peak selling season for conversation hearts last only six weeks, but confectioners produce the candy for nearly eleven months of the year.

St. Patrick's Day History

The first celebration of Saint Patrick's Day in New York City was held at the Crown and Thistle Tavern in 1766, the parades were held as political and social statements because the Irish immigrants were being treated unfairly.

Chicago dyes its river green and has done so since 1961 when sewer workers used green dye to check for sewer discharges and got the idea to turn the river for St. Patrick's Day

Rolla, Missouri - Rolla is home to the Missouri University of Science Technology (formerly know as University of Missouri-Rolla and Missouri School of Mines), an engineering college. St. Patrick is the patron saint of engineers, and the school and town's celebrations last for a week or more, with downtown parade held the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day. A royal court is crowned, and the streets in the city's downtown area are painted solid green. In 2008, Rolla celebrated its 100th St. Patrick's Day celebration.