

Well, surprise, surprise, surprise!!! Not only is the Newsletter on time, it's a bit early. I'm heading out again and will not be computer accessible for about a week so I thought I'd shoot this one off early. That being said...

!!! Last Call for Tickets for the Live Recording at the Comedy Castle !!!

I've sent out a few reminders but I need to get a firm fix on the numbers so I can order food. If you plan on attending the show next **Tuesday, April 4**, please call the Comedy Castle at 248.542.9900 for your tickets. So much for shameless commerce. Please note I am adding a new venue. I will be at Currents (downtown next to the Ren-Cen) on Franklin St. for Happy Hour this Friday (3/31) from 5-8 and again on April 27 from 8 til midnight. For more information call 313.259.4800 or stop in and say hello to Bob and Brian. It's a very cool place with outstanding food and service.

Humor

I know that the internet has just about ruined good humor. I may get a fresh, new joke on-line at 3 p.m. from a friend in Ohio and it suddenly comes in from all points of the compass over the next few days. Amazing!! That common ancestor and family of man is rapidly becoming balderdash. We are connected. It just happens to be in cyberspace. The hell with the six degrees of separation (or Kevin Bacon), it's the internet that binds us. Well, most of us. I still prefer a handshake and few words to an e-mail. Even a phone call is a welcome relief, although they seem almost foreign to eh rapid fire way we do business and communicate. I am going to install that old CB into my truck and hit the Redneck Internet. Breaker one-nine, I think I'm on line ... I feel a song comin' on!!! Ah, the good old days.

How about some word play? I'm a sucker for this kind of stuff.

Essential vocabulary additions for the workplace (and elsewhere)!!!

- **BLAMESTORMING:** Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.
- **SEAGULL MANAGER:** A manager, who flies in, makes a lot of noise, craps on everything, and then leaves.
- **ASSMOSIS:** The process by which some people seem to absorb success and advancement by kissing up to the boss rather than working hard.
- **SALMON DAY:** The experience of spending an entire day swimming upstream only to get screwed and die in the end.
- **CUBE FARM:** An office filled with cubicles
- **PRAIRIE DOGGING:** When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.
- **MOUSE POTATO:** The on-line, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.

- **SITCOMs:** Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage. What Yuppies get into when they have children and one of them stops working to stay home with the kids.
- **STRESS PUPPY:** A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.
- **SWIPEOUT:** An ATM or credit card that has been rendered useless because magnetic strip is worn away from extensive use.
- **XEROX SUBSIDY:** Euphemism for swiping free photocopies from one's workplace.
- **IRRITAINMENT:** Entertainment and media spectacles that are Annoying but you find yourself unable to stop watching them. The J-Lo and Ben wedding (or not) was a prime example - Michael Jackson, another...
- **PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCE:** The fine art of whacking the crap out of an electronic device to get it to work again.
- **ADMINISPHERE:** The rarefied organizational layers beginning just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall from the adminisphere are often profoundly inappropriate or irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve.
- **404:** Someone who's clueless. From the World Wide Web error Message "404 Not Found," meaning that the requested site could not be located.
- **GENERICA:** Features of the American landscape that are exactly the same no matter where one is, such as fast food joints, strip malls, and subdivisions.
- **OHNOSECOND:** That minuscule fraction of time in which you realize that you've just made a BIG mistake. (Like after hitting send on an e-mail by mistake)
- **WOOFs:** Well-Off Older Folks.
- **CROP DUSTING:** Surreptitiously passing gas while passing through a Cube Farm.

SCHEDULE

APRIL

TUESDAY 4/4 LIVE RECORDING AT THE COMEDY CASTLE
"AN EVENING WITH MY EVIL TWIN"

WEDNESDAYS 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26 FOUR GREEN FIELDS IN ROYAL
OAK

THURSDAY 4/6 & 4/20 DICK O'DOW'S IN BIRMINGHAM

THURSDAY 4/13 GUS O'CONNOR'S IN ROCHESTER
<http://www.gusoconnors.com/calendar/guscalendar.php>

THURSDAY 4/27 CURRENTS (DOWNTOWN NEXT TO THE REN-CEN)

FRIDAY 4/7, THE NOGGIN ROOM IN PETOSKEY
<http://www.staffords.com/events.phtml#event>

FRIDAY 4/14, 4/21, 4/28 GUS O'CONNOR'S IN NOVI
<http://www.gusoconnors.com/calendar/guscalendar.php>

SATURDAY 4/1 & 4/22 HOOPS IN AUBURN HILLS

SATURDAY 4/8 THE NOGGIN ROOM IN PETOSKEY
<http://www.staffords.com/events.phtml#event>

SATURDAY 4/15 HOPPIES ON BURT LAKE

SUNDAY 4/30 CHEBOYGAN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY BENEFIT AT
THE CHEBOYGAN VFW. 6:00 P.M.

MAY

TUESDAY 5/2 OXFORD TAP IN OXFORD

WEDNESDAYS (EVERY WEDNESDAY) FOUR GREEN FIELDS
W/ **DAN VALEEN**

THURSDAY 5/4 & 5/18 DICK O'DOW'S IN BIRMINGHAM

THURSDAY 5/11 GUS O'CONNOR'S IN ROCHESTER
<http://www.gusoconnors.com/calendar/guscalendar.php>

THURSDAY 5/25 THE NOGGIN ROOM IN PETOSKEY
<http://www.staffords.com/events.phtml#event>

FRIDAY 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 GUS O'CONNOR'S IN NOVI
<http://www.gusoconnors.com/calendar/guscalendar.php>

FRIDAY 5/26 THE NOGGIN ROOM IN PETOSKEY
<http://www.staffords.com/events.phtml#event>

SATURDAY 5/20 REMUS TAVERN IN REMUS

SATURDAY 5/27 HOPPIES ON BURT LAKE

One more:

Many of you know I love golf and as I stare at my front yard and wonder how a foot of snow can still be here at the end of March, well, you know my feelings about March, but consider this ...

Ever wonder why golf is growing in popularity and people who don't even play go to tournaments or watch it on TV?

These truisms may shed light on reasons why:

- Golf is an honorable game, with the overwhelming majority of players being honorable people who don't need referees.
- Golfers don't have some of their players in jail every week.
- Golfers don't scratch their privates on the golf course.
- Golfers don't kick dirt on, or throw bottles at, other people.
- Professional golfers are compensated in direct proportion to how well they play.
- Golfers don't hold out for more money, or demand new contracts, because of another player's deal.
- Professional golfers don't demand that the taxpayers pay for the courses on which they play.
- When golfers make a mistake, nobody is there to cover for them or back them up.
- The PGA Tour raises more money for charity in one year than the National Football League does in two.
- You can watch the best golfers in the world up close, at any tournament, including the majors, all day, every day for \$25 or \$30. The cost for a seat in the nosebleed section at the Super Bowl will cost around \$300 or more.
- You can bring a picnic lunch to the tournament golf course, watch the best in the world and not spend a small fortune on food and drink. Try that at one of the taxpayer funded baseball or football stadiums. I brought a Coke into Oriole Park at Camden Yards last year, and an usher came to my seat and told me I had to dispose of it, or I would not be allowed to stay in the stadium.
- In golf you cannot fail 70% of the time and make \$9 million a season, like the best baseball hitters (.300 batting average) do.

- Golf doesn't change its rules to attract Fans.
- Golfers have to adapt to an entirely new playing area each week.
- Golfers keep their clothes on while they are being interviewed.
- Golf doesn't have free agency.
- In their prime, Greg Norman, Arnold Palmer and other stars, would shake your hand and say they were happy to meet you. In his prime Jose Canseco wore T-shirts that read "Leave Me Alone."
- You can hear birds chirping on the golf course during a tournament.
- At a golf tournament, (unlike at taxpayer-funded sports stadiums and arenas) you won't hear a steady stream of four letter words and nasty name calling while you're hoping that no one spills beer on you.
- Tiger Woods can hit a golf ball three times as far as Barry Bonds can hit a baseball.
- Golf Courses don't ruin the neighborhood.

This is a slice of golf history I thought you might enjoy. I never knew why there were 18 holes before. Why do full-length golf courses have 18 holes, and not 20, or 10 or an even dozen? How many of you golfers know the answer to this one?

During a discussion among the club's membership board at St. Andrews in 1858, one of the members pointed out that it takes exactly 18 shots to polish off a fifth of Scotch. By limiting himself to only one shot of Scotch per hole, the Scot figured a round of golf was finished when the Scotch ran out.

Now you know.

Til next month, please take care, be safe, hug your children and call an old friend.

(pssstt .. I still love baseball...)