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Editor's Note

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Firstly let me say I'm sorry for not having produced a newsletter for a while, but as you may know I spent 2 months in Texas at IBM's International Technical Support Organisation, writing a book on Java development for Network Computers. Whew! Nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there. We only had the single tornado warning, so I guess I was lucky... :)

If I can summarise Texas in a few words:

- Roads
- Cars
- Steaks
- Flat
- Hot (unless its Cold)

Anyway, on to more recreational writing. I've gathered a vast array of miscellany from around the virtual world, for your winter reading. Of particular interest is the first installment of a reprint (by permission) of Bill Gaskell and the Western Colorado TI Group's brilliant TI reference. This edition has A through C. It will build into a fine collection of TI information.

This month's meeting will be on Wednesday night, 24th June at the Campbells', 107 Kylie Avenue, Ferny Hills, so I'll see you there.

Here's a topical bit of numerology for the fans of the World Cup:

Brazil last won the world cup in 1994. Before that they won it in 1970. Add 1970 and 1994, it equals 3964.

Argentina last won the world cup in 1986. Before that they won it in 1978. Add 1978 and 1986, it equals 3964.

Germany last won in 1990. Before that they won in 1974. Add 1990 and 1974, it equals 3964.

Here's the scary part: England last won the cup in 1966. Add it to 1998... IT EQUALS 3964!!!!!!!

We shall see...

Best Regards...



R.I.P TI Lubbock

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ED: Here's a bit of news on TI and it's Lubbock, Texas operations, where as you know, the '99 was born & bred...

Texas Instruments is expected to discuss with city officials the options regarding the fate of its wafer fabrication facility, which will be phased out by year's end.

"TI is planning to schedule a meeting with the city in the next couple of weeks to talk about the sale of the building and

how to proceed with it," said Philip J. Ritter, TI's vice president of corporate staff in Dallas.

Ritter said TI plans to maintain the 700,000-square-foot site and will treat it as an asset with an eye on selling or leasing it to another tenant.

City Manager Bob Cass said he was unaware of any TI meeting. "I haven't heard anything about a meeting, but I'm glad it's going to happen. Obviously we'd like to see that property full of manufacturing processes," he said.

Mayor Pro-tem Max Ince also said he hadn't heard of a meeting, but added that it's a discussion that needs to occur. "I think that conversation needs to take place. It's their building. Hopefully they'll assist us in finding a tenant," he said.

In the meantime, the Texas Department of Economic Development, formerly the Texas Department of Commerce, announced that it has assigned a rapid response team to address the closing of the Lubbock plant.

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Wayne Boling, interim president for Market Lubbock Inc., the city-appointed economic development corporation, said he was contacted by TDEC on Friday and was told the state agency plans to get involved.

"They have a lot of electronic prospects for top-quality facilities, but we'll need to get some things to them such as the site plan and layout of the building," Boling said.

Boling said that will require a meeting between TI and key city leaders and a meeting that he said could occur as early as next week.

Steve Hurt, vice chairman of Market Lubbock, said it's important for the city to familiarize itself with the building in addition to hunting for a new tenant to occupy it. Hurt said Market Lubbock probably will make an attempt to contact Boise, Idaho-based Micron Technology Inc., which on Thursday purchased TI plants in Richardson and Singapore that also were scheduled for closure.

Micron bought the remainder of TI's memory chip business in a deal valued at \$800 million that finalized TI's exit from the market. Some of the memory chip production acquired by Micron involved TI's Lubbock site, according to TI officials.

TI begins phase-down operations in Lubbock in August. The move is expected to eliminate 680 jobs, although one-third of the employees will be offered other positions at plants in Dallas and Houston.

Talk from the Net

Miscellaneous

ED: Some interesting talk from the TI mailing list to the question "Is anybody doing any exciting software projects actually on the TI99/4A?"

(Response from Jeff White - JHWHITE@delphi.com)

I do not know of any. Most developers write for the hardware they have, and this includes Geneves, 80-column devices, AMS/SuperAMS, GRAM emulators,

etc. Writing a piece of software for the official TI hardware (console, TI FDC, 32K, RS232, P-code) is something to be done if the developer thinks he/she can make some money. Since this is not likely the case, the author writes for his/her own enjoyment and benefit.

There is new software. RXB for GRAM devices, MDOS 6.0 for Geneve, MIDI Master updates for AMS/SuperAMS are examples of what has been done in the near past/present. Exciting software projects often require exciting hardware projects to be completed first.

It is still hard to determine what capabilities the average 99/4A system has. I remember Asgard stating at one time that the average system was a console and cassette, determining that cartridge-based software was the thing to develop. The LINK cartridge from Jim Reiss via Asgard would be for this cassette-based 99/4A system.

I do not recall if the LINK cartridge was to require 32K and RS232 or not. Methinks it was to have a serial port on the cartridge and maybe some RAM inside -- similar to the cartridges with printer ports and not unlike the drawing pad hardware (one of which I have, but cannot remember the name -- Sketchpad? does not seem right).

It would be interesting to find out what the average 99/4A user has and wants in terms of hardware and software. I suspect those who would respond to a survey would not be the average users.

(Response from David L. Ormand - dlormand@aztec.asu.edu)

1. Software Emulation

I don't know that anybody is WORKING on TI emulation software other than CaDD, but it certainly seems like all eyes are focused on PC99 and v9t9.

Emulators are useful, but they aren't the Real Thing. I'm not sure all this attention on emulators on peeces is necessarily good. But even saying that invites an argument here...

2. Hardware Clones

The only two "clones" are the Geneve and the SGCPU. The SGCPU hasn't gotten any more air time than mere references to its existence. The Geneve certainly bids for its share, with all this discussion of MDOS and such like, but I own both, and the TI (or TI Mode on the Geneve) gets more use! Call me wierd.

Other than clones, most of the hardware discussion centers around useful peripherals like the enhanced graphics processors and hard drive controllers. I really can't find fault with that! Go SNUG!

3. Exciting Software Projects

What Jeff Brown was/is doing with TiCK OS and KASsembler is certainly exciting! The "finishing" of the SCSI DSR (pending successful DSK1 emulation) and ongoing work on the SCSI Directory Manager(s) is quite interesting to some of us. Mr. Harrison continues to amaze with his updates to TI Slide Show and the MIDI program for AMS.

Other than a few bright spots, we have two problems:

A. Who writes (new) software?

Commercial parties: Like, for the TI? Yeah right.

Hobbyists: Who are fighting other time pressures. Jeff Brown would love to proceed on TiCK if he could, I am sure, and I have more notebooks with just-started projects than I can stand. Time availability seems to be the only obstacle between Michael Zapf and a successful TCP/IP system for the TI/Geneve.

B. What new software do you want?

More games? The TI world is already full of neat games. Spreadsheets? We already have Multiplan. Word Processor? TI Writer isn't any prizewinner, but it works. Data Bases? There's more to learn about TI Base than anyone here has so far discovered.

Software is written to meet a need. What I have already meets my needs for home computing. Except maybe a decent comm program that handles VT100 better; Term80 was the best go, but it won't log to disk.



I think a lot of good work on orphan computers is done by young people (like Jeff) who have the enthusiasm and the time to work on projects. In a small market like the TI community, such authors won't get any monetary rewards, but the recognition factor is there in spades. What bothers me, though, is newcomers to the TI (and some DO pop up occasionally) really can't get IN; face it, guys, the Internet is the best place for computer newbies to learn, and that means USENET and Chat Rooms and such, and when ALL the TI-99/4A related traffic is isolated to a private mailing list, what hope do they have?

MDOS 6.00 Source

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Both the MDOS 6.00 distribution archive and the MDOS 6.00 source file archives have been sent to the following sites/people as of this writing:

- Michael Becker (via email)
- WHT's FTP site [ftp.whitech.com]
- Michael Zapf's FTP site [www.vsb.cs.uni-frankfurt.de]

I have asked that each person verify the files before making them publicly available. I will also try to post them on the usual BBSs as time permits. If anyone here would like to post the files, by all means do so.

Anyone who wishes to download the source may do so, I only ask that it be distributed AS-IS and that all files be kept together. I don't believe I included instructions on how to reassemble MDOS; my immediate goal was to release the code to the remaining Geneve users. This goal has been accomplished.

If all goes well, I will try to followup with CYA 6.00.

1998 Lima Conference

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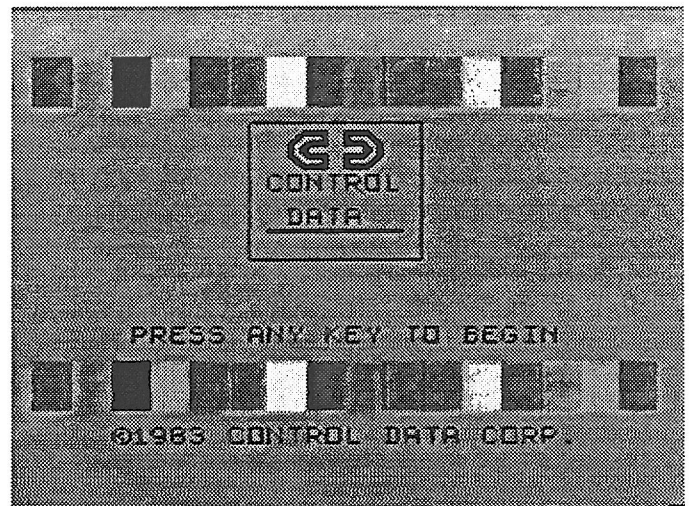
The two day free event Friday afternoon May 15 and all day Saturday May 16 seemed to go very smoothly. All the vendors got as many tables as they wanted. All the equipment in the seminar room ran smoothly, and most of the demonstrations worked as planned. Everybody said they were happy with Saturdays on site food service. 61 people signed in and I know of at least three folks who gave seminars but did not sign in. I estimate attendance at 70, a far cry from the 300+ that attended the Lima MUG Conferences of 1989 and 1990. There were 28 people at the after-the-conference get together at Limas best hamburger palace, the Kewpee. People came from 13 states and Canada. One individual from the New England area arrived after a 21 hour Grayhound bus trip, stayed 7 hours and then went back to the Lima bus station for the 21 hour trip back. What dedication!

The conference had "free stuff" table where people could recycle their unneeded hardware and software. Lots of stuff changed hands including lots of disks, piles of old Micropendium and Home Computer Magazines, several boxed consoles, 3 full PE boxes, and several monochrome monitors usable on both 40 and 80 column systems. John Parkens from Columbus arrived with a free system that included two horizon ramdisks which was quickly taken. The happy owner new owner of this system told me that he was an ex Tier and would now definately be getting back into our community. At the end of the day we had to discard an empty PE box and some console power supplies which nobody wanted. The fact is that there isnt much market value for routine 99/4A hardware anymore. Even non routine used hardware seems very inexpensive. For example, at one table a

complete Mechatronics 80 column peripheral with console was offered for \$85.

I gave the only Friday seminar, showing off two "old" TI cartridge games that have never before been seen. Included is an Atari game called Super Storm and a Funware game called Snoz-ola. These have almost literally been rescued from the dumpster by Competition Computer, which is now selling them to the TI community. Super Storm is the same as the Atari 2600 game called Slime. Super Storm was advertised in 1983 and 1984 for the TI in some computer magazines of that time, but my demonstration was the first time TIers have actually seen the game. It was obvious that I am not a very good arcade game player. There were people in the audience who played with the demonstration system and were soon making more points than I.

Saturday morning bright and early Dan Eicher gave the first seminar showing



off his complete Tomy Tutor Computer setup. This computer was sold at the same time as the 99/4A and was based on a 9995 cpu. Its BASIC is similar to 99/4A basic but much faster. No disk mass storage is available, only cassette. Several game cartridges were shown, all of which were converted to Geneve MDOS format several years ago by Barry Boone.

Dan also showed a "Control Data Corporation 99/4A" computer. This is just like the TI version but with a different color bar powerup screen. Showing a



1983 copyright. Dan also passed around a copy of the TI FAQ which he will be posting on the internet. This document answers lost of questions about routine use of the 99/4A.

Bob Carmanys seminar was next. Bob provided very detailed information about upgrading 99/4A systems, including which devices use which CRU addresses, which devices conflict with each other, how to set up two RS232 cards and various combinations of ramdisks, and how to connect two PE boxes together so that one console can control two PE boxes full of cards. Lots of technical information was provided. I hope some of those present took good notes.

Bruce Harrison then demonstrated all the improvements he has made to Midi Master software. He had a member of the audience use a Casio keyboard to play a short piece which was stored in the 99/4as (with AMS) memory. The computer than played back the piece and saved it to disk. On rebooting the piece was loaded off disk and played back again. Bruces new Midi Master software will automatically detect and use AMS memory if an AMS card is in the system. With an AMS card long musical pieces can be stored in memory.

After Bruces seminar the MUG Conference was treated to a concert of Renaissance and Celtic music featuring live musicians accompanied by the TI. I have never seen anything like this at any of the many TI faires I have attended over the years. We were handed printed programs and treated to a series of Celtic, English, and French court and country dances played by Lory Werths, Marcel Barbeau, and Jean-Guy Barbeau. Lory is Bruces partner and the Barbeaus are her children. They played the recorder, fiddle, bodhran (a traditional Irish drum held by one hand and struch with a short two headed stick held in the middle with the other hand), and mandolin. All musical selections were accompanied by a Casio keyboard being played by a 99/4A and Midi Master. The midi music was created by Lory. This very unusual seminar was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

The next seminar was by Tim Tesch, who gave details of the latest Geneve version 6.0 MDOS. The new features I remember are the ability to use external

SCSI Zip drives and the ability to correctly deal with dates in the year 2000 and beyond. Tim also discussed the status of Myarc repairs.

Mike Wright was next. He talked about the next release of PC99 and asked for feedback from the TI community. He said that further development has been delayed because one member of the PC99 development team has been working lots of hours at his "day" job and has had little time to work on PC99. As I understood his talk Mike was offering the TI community two alternatives. ONE: Release an updated version 5 now which includes these features not found in version 4; Myarc 512k ramdisk emulation with Myarc extended basic, 1 meg AMS card emulation, an emulated clock card, SOB operating system emulation, and super space bank switching emulation. If this is done this would probably be the last official version and the source code might be released for anyone to enhance. TWO: Wait on the next release until the PC99 team adds additional features including, hopefully, 9938/9958 VDP (ie. 80 column) emulation. In other words, do PC99 users want the above list of new features now or are they willing to wait, maybe a long wait, for more new features.

As part of the PC99 seminar I showed how easy it is to transfer a TI disk from a 99/4A system to PC99 running on my IBM laptop.

In the next seminar Lew King showed how to access the internet using his 99/4A. He used Term 80 to dial in to his internet service provider in Pennsylvania. He read an email message, sent an email message and then, most amazingly, brought up the MUG Conference web page. The web page was nicely formatted but without any graphics. Lew was using a version of the Lynx browser that was resident in the computer of his service provider. The screen display of Term 80 in 80 columns was barely readable. Lew says you can also use Telco to access the internet in 40 columns. The text is more readable but the screen display is likely be be rather jumbled.

One of the unusual aspects of Lews seminar was his use of a VGA monitor display 99/4A video output. Lew connected the video cable of his 99/4A to a device

and a cable from this device ran to the VGA monitor. The results were very sharp. Term 80 was easier to read on the VGA monitor than it was on the composite color monitors available in the seminar room. Lew told me that he has tried this VGA device with a Geneve and the results are not good, with lots of color bleeding when the Geneve outputs in composite color. By email Lew has provided the following information about the composite-color-to-VGA interface device: "This device was made by Proview Technology Inc. 12272 Monarch Street, Garden Grove, CA. 92841 714-379-4455 Purchased from Tiger Direct 1-800-294-3269 for \$120. It will input composite video and output vga. It will also do the opposite and input vga and output composite to a vcr etc. The audio is stereo input and output. Cable ready with 181 tv channel tuner built in. The tv picture quality on a vga monitor is excellent. There is a remote control included with on screen display for contrast, brightness, saturation, hue, volume, and tv channel. Audio and video cables and every thing else needed is also included. Input quality Y:U:V 4:2:2 Output quality R:G:B 8:8:8, 24 bit true color."

Ted Zychowicz was a good followup to Lews seminar. Ted showed how to directly transfer files from an IBM to his Geneve using PORT software on the Geneve.

The final seminar was by Bud Mills. He said that he recognizes that the TI community isnt very big any more but he thinks it is large enough to support more Horizon ramdisks. He stated that he sold an 8 meg horizon earlier in the day and hopes to pay for another limited production run of Horizon boards soon. Bud also stated that he has some Pgrams available for sale.

The conference ended with Glen Bernasek of the TI Chips user group awarding the 1998 Jim Peterson Achievement awards. Recipients were Community- Charles Good; Software- Mike Wright for PC99; Hardware- Michael Becker for his HSGPL card and 80 column card; Software- Tim Tesch. Michael Becker was the only of these not at the MUG Conference and he later sent his thanks in an email message as follows: "Thank's to all the people, who voted for



me! I am very happy and very glad to get the award, for all the hard work we made all the years for the TI-community! Do not forget the other members of our german community, who made so good work to complete my cards. There are: Juergen Stelter, who made the wonderful layout of ALL snug-cards. Harald Glaab, who wrote all the powerful programs: The DSR for EVPC, DSR for HSGPL, The DSR-loader for HSGPL and ASCSI, the EVPC-configuration-program, the HSGPL-configurator/loader/saver... (its too powerful for a single name..),and, and, and.....and our friends Wolfgang Bertsch and Oliver Arnold, who work on the SCSI-project for WHT and snug-card-users."

A welcome sight at the vendor area was Larry Conner of L.L. Conner Enterprise. He hasnt been to a TI show in several years. Other vendors and groups with tables included Lee Bendick (hardware for sale), Tony Kneer (software give aways), Ramcharged Computers (Asgard and other software), Bud Mills Services, CADD electronics (PC99), Cleveland area user groups, Dave Conner (hardware), Milwaukee area TI User group, Harrison software, S & T Software (Tim Tesch), The Fort's User Group of Fort Wayne Indiana, and HUGGERS User Group of Indianapolis Indiana. The only vendor who was scheduled but did not show up was Don Walden of Cecure Electronics. Don has missed several TI faires lately.

The 1998 winners of the Jim Peterson awards, based on your votes and awarded at the conference, are:

Community--Charles Good

Software--Mike Wright for PC99

Hardware--Michael Becker

Geneve--Tim Tesch

Video tapes of the conference 8+ hours of video) are available by sending US\$10 to

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Another Lima Review

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THANKS FOR THE RIDE LIMA!

The Multi-user Group Conference (MUG'98) held in Lima, Ohio this year was the final conference the Lima User Group will host. Charles Good explained that the Lima User Group was no longer considered an Ohio University student activity. Therefore Reed Hall would not be available for future TI-99/4A / Myarc 9640 user group conferences. Besides, Charles said it's about time that he became a conference visitor rather than an operator. (It must be noted that this year's conference was organized and hosted by two members of what remains of the Lima Users Group.)

As I signed in at the conference on Saturday, I couldn't help but notice the few people who were walking around the main conference room. The usual vendors and user groups were there, but the traffic around the tables was very light. This confused me until I looked into the seminar room. Each seminar had a full audience. This accounted for the low, visual attendance in the main room. (Over seventy conference attendees had signed in by 2:00.)

The campus food service was open, and they provided the attendees with a varied and delicious menu. This service was arranged for us by Charles Good. It was excellent and much appreciated.

Other than the Multi-user Group meeting, I was able to attend two of the seminars. Lew King, of the New Penn 99ers, demonstrated how TERM 80 enables TIers to 'surf the net'. Lew attempted to dial up the local ISP from the phone without success. However Lew was able to quickly get on line through dialing commands issued by the keyboard. Once on line, TERM 80 is a powerhouse of internet communication software. It was noticed how quickly the web pages, in a readable 80 column mode, came up on the screen with a 9600 baud modem. This was in part due to the 'text only' connection ability of the TI-99/4A. Therefore there were no graphics to slow things down. Lew posted a mes-

sage on the List Server from the MUG during this seminar using the TI-99/4A and TERM 80. (It was noted that Vonn Malcuit, of the TI-Chips, had volunteered to serve as interim videographer (video cameraman) for some of the seminars.)

The other seminar I was able to attend was Ted Zychowicz's presentation on how to transfer files back and forth between a Myarc 9640 and a MS-DOS clone. All Ted did was to hook up a standard 25 pin RS232 cable from the RS232 port of the 9640 to the COMM port on the back of the clone. Ted explained that this was made possible by the 'non-standard' pin configurations of the TI computers' RS232 card. (The TI RS232 'send pin' is the MS-DOS COMM port 'receive pin'. Therefore a 'null modem' cable, between the two systems, is not needed.) Ted used Tim Tesch's PORT for file communication on the 9640 and MS-DOS/Windows common software such as Microsoft's EXCHANGE on the clone. Ted said the transfers must be made in ASCII text mode and the computers must be set at matching baud rates. (19200 baud in this demonstration.) All the user has to do is initiate the receive command before the send command and the file is quickly and effortlessly transferred. Thanks to Ted's demonstration, we now know that there is still life left in those old TI files of ours.

As usual, the Multi-user Group meeting was very informative. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Cleveland Area User Groups (TI-Chips), The HUGGERS, The Milwaukee User Group, The Chicago User Group and The Ktown User Group. The HUGGERS have there own BBS in operation, and have received calls from notables such as Michael Becker. The Milwaukee group is in the planning phase of setting up their own BBS.

When asked if any groups have adopted multi-platform (computers other than TI- 99/4A and/or Myarc 9640) bi-laws or agenda, the Milwaukee User Group reported that they have established a MS-DOS SIG that meets on a different day from the regular TI user group meeting day. This avoids meeting and agenda conflicts for time and scheduling. And maintains a 'pure' TI meeting



atmosphere at the regular Milwaukee User Group meetings. I explained that the TI-Chips had adopted a flexible meeting agenda for both TI and non-TI systems. And that we haven't experienced any real conflicts with this arrangement and have a much more open meeting atmosphere as the result.

Comments were made by those in attendance that user groups, by nature, were still problem solvers and communication vehicles regardless of computer system discussed.

The Chicago User Group stated that their membership had increased with four new members since the Fest West in Lubbock, Texas. They said that there wasn't any 'membership drive'. They just 'seized' the opportunity to sign up new members as it came along. The Chicago group also said that they serve as a User Group information/referral resource in that they answer national inquiries as to the location of local user groups for the TI-99/4A and the Myarc 9640.

The meeting was closed with an interesting question, "I wonder where Mike Maksimik is?" The user groups representatives at the meeting thought it would be interesting to find out where the former illustrious names in the TI community were and what they were doing. Maybe somebody could post a list of well known Tiers in MICROpendium, on the List Server and comp.sys.ti with the question, "Where are they now?"

It was announced, at the conclusion of the Jim Peterson Awards, that the 1999 MUG will be hosted by the TI-Chips in the Cleveland, Ohio area. The ceremony closed with a round of applause for the Lima User Group for their years of hosting this conference for Tiers everywhere. Thanks for the ride Lima. It was great!

10 Commandments of Electronic Mail

Source Unknown

Thou shalt include a clear and specific subject line.

Thou shalt edit any quoted text down to the minimum thou needest.

Thou shalt read thine own message thrice before thou sendest it.

Thou shalt ponder how thy recipient might react to thy message.

Thou shalt check thy spelling and thy grammar.

Thou shalt not curse, flame, spam or USE ALL CAPS.

Thou shalt not forward any chain letter.

Thou shalt not use e-mail for any illegal or unethical purpose.

Thou shalt not rely on the privacy of e-mail, especially from work.

When in doubt, save thy message overnight and reread it in the light of the dawn.

Odd English Signs

Source Unknown

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

Sign in a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK
THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY
PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER
STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

Outside a farm:
HORSE MANURE 50p PER PRE-
PACKED BAG 20p DO-IT-YOURSELF

In an office:
AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF
SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND

STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE
DRAINING BOARD

On a church door:
THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN.
ENTER YE ALL BY THIS DOOR.
THIS DOOR IS KEPT LOCKED
BECAUSE OF THE DRAFT. (PLEASE
USE SIDE DOOR.)

English sign in a German cafe:
MOTHERS, PLEASE WASH YOUR
HANS BEFORE EATING

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

Sign outside a new town hall which was
to be opened by the Prince of Wales:
THE TOWN HALL IS CLOSED
UNTIL OPENING. IT WILL REMAIN
CLOSED AFTER BEING OPENED.
OPEN TOMORROW.

Outside a photographer's studio:
OUT TO LUNCH: IF NOT BACK BY
FIVE, OUT FOR DINNER ALSO

Outside a disco:
SMARTS IS THE MOST EXCLUSIVE
DISCO IN TOWN. EVERYONE WEL-
COME

Sign warning of quicksand:
QUICKSAND. ANY PERSON PASS-
ING THIS POINT WILL BE
DROWNED. BY ORDER OF THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Notice sent to residents of a Wiltshire
parish:
DUE TO INCREASING PROBLEMS
WITH LETTER LOUITS AND VAN-
DALS WE MUST ASK ANYONE
WITH RELATIVES BURIED IN THE
GRAVEYARD TO DO THEIR BEST
TO KEEP THEM IN ORDER

Notice in a dry cleaner's window:
ANYONE LEAVING THEIR GAR-
MENTS HERE FOR MORE THAN 30
DAYS WILL BE DISPOSED OF.

Sign on motorway garage:
PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE NEAR
OUR PETROL PUMPS. YOUR LIFE



MAY NOT BE WORTH MUCH BUT
OUR PETROL IS

Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

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

Seen during a conference:
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHIL-
DREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT,
THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE
FIRST FLOOR

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

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

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

Sign at Norfolk farm gate:
BEWARE! I SHOOT EVERY TENTH
TRESPASSER AND THE NINTH ONE
HAS JUST LEFT

Spotted in a toilet in a London office
block:
TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE
USE FLOOR BELOW

Junior Science

Source unknown

*Ed: The following are all quotes from 11
year old's science exams, spelling
unchanged:*

When you breath, you inspire. When you
do not breath, you expire.

H2O is hot water, and CO2 is cold water

Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because
it is not found in a free state.

Water is composed of two gins, Oxygen
and Hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin.
Hydrogin is gin and water.

Three kinds of blood vessels are arter-
ies, vanes and caterpillars.

Blood flows down one leg and up the
other.

Respiration is composed of two acts, first
inspiration, and then expectoration.

The moon is a planet just like the earth,
only it is even deader.

Artificial insemination is when the farmer
does it to the cow instead of the bull.

Dew is formed on leaves when the sun
shines down on them and makes them
perspire.

A super-saturated solution is one that
holds more than it can hold.

Mushrooms always grow in damp places
and so they look like umbrellas.

The body consists of three parts- the
brainium, the borax and the abominable
cavity. The brainium contains the brain,
the borax contains the heart and lungs,
and the abominable cavity contains the
bowls, of which there are five -- a, e, i, o,
and u.

The pistol of a flower is its only protec-
tion against insects.

The alimentary canal is located in the
northern part of Indiana.

The skeleton is what is left after the
insides have been taken out and the out-
sides have ben taken off. The purpose of
the skeleton is something to hitch meat
to.

A permanent set of teeth consists of eight
canines, eight cuspid, two molars, and
eight cuspidors.

The tides are a fight between the Earth
and moon. All water tends towards the-
moon, because there is no water in the
moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I for-
get where the sun joins in this fight.

A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it
is, the more extinct it is.

Many women believe that an alcoholic
binge will have no ill effects on the
unborn fetus, but that is a large miscon-
ception.

Equator: A managerie lion running
around the Earth through Africa.

Germinate: To become a naturalized
German.

Liter: A nest of young puppies.

Magnet: Something you find crawling all
over a dead cat.

Momentum: What you give a person
when they are going away.

Planet: A body of Earth surrounded by
sky.

Rhubarb: A kind of celery gone blood-
shot.

Vacumm: A large, empty space where
the pope lives. Before giving a blood
transfusion, find out if the blood is
affirmative or negative.

To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye
down over the nose.

For a nosebleed: Put the nose much
lower then the body until the heart stops.

For drowning: Climb on top of the per-
son and move up and down to make artif-
icial perspiration.

For fainting: Rub the person's chest or,
if a lady, rub her arm above the hand
instead. Or put the head between the
knees of the nearest medical doctor.

For dog bite: put the dog away for sevral
days. If he has not recovered, then kill it.

For asphyxiation: Apply artificial respi-
ration until the patient is dead.

To prevent contraception: wear a condo-
minium. For head cold: use an agonizer
to spray the nose untill it drops in your
throat.

To keep milk from turning sour: Keep it
in the cow.



Chicken Philosophy

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WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER:

To get to the other side.

PLATO:

For the greater good

ARISTOTLE:

It is the nature of chickens to cross roads.

KARL MARX:

It was an historical inevitability.

RONALD REAGAN

I forget.

CAPTAIN JAMES T. KIRK;

To boldly go where no chicken has gone before.

ANDERSEN CONSULTING;

Deregulation of the chicken's side of the road was threatening its dominant market position. The chicken was faced with significant challenges to create and develop the competencies required for the newly competitive market. Andersen Consulting, in a partnering relationship with the client, helped the chicken by rethinking its physical distribution strategy and implementation processes. Using the Poultry Integration Model (PIM), Andersen helped the chicken use its skills, methodologies, knowledge, capital and experiences to align the chicken's people, processes and technology in support of its overall strategy within a Program Management framework.

Andersen Consulting convened a diverse cross-spectrum of road analysts and best chickens along with Andersen consultants with deep skills in the transportation industry to engage in a two-day itinerary of meetings in order to leverage their personal knowledge capital, both tacit

and explicit, and to enable them to synergize with each other in order to achieve the implicit goals in delivering and successfully architecting and implementing and enterprise-wide value framework across the continuum of poultry cross-median processes.

The meeting was held in a park-like setting, enabling and creating an impactful environment which was strategically based, industry-focused, and built upon a consistent, clear, and unified market message and aligned with the chicken's mission, vision, and core values. This was conducive towards the creation of a total business integration solution.

Andersen Consulting helped the chicken change to become more successful.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.;

I envision a world where all chickens will be free to cross roads without having their motives called into question.

MOSES;

And God came down from the Heavens, and he said unto the chickens, "Thou shalt cross the road". And the chicken crossed the road, and there was much rejoicing.

FOX MULDER (X-Files);

You saw it cross the road with your own eyes. How many more chickens have to cross the road before you believe it?

RICHARD M. NIXON;

The chicken did not cross the road. I repeat, the chicken did NOT cross the road.

MACHIAVELLI;

The point is that the chicken crosses the road. Who cares why? The end of crossing the road justifies whatever motive there was.

JERRY SEINFELD;

Why does anyone cross the road? I mean, why doesn't anyone ever think to ask, what the heck was this chicken doing walking around all over the place, anyway?

FREUD;

The fact that you are at all concerned that the chicken crossed the road reveals your underlying sexual insecurity.

BILL GATES;

I have just released the new Chicken Office 2000, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents, and balance your check book. Heck it might even work this time.

OLIVER STONE;

The question is not, "Why did the chicken cross the road?" Rather, it is, "Who was crossing the road at the same time, whom we overlooked in our haste to observe the chicken crossing?"

DARWIN;

Chickens, over great periods of time, have been naturally selected in such a way that they are now genetically disposed to cross the roads.

EINSTEIN;

Whether the chicken crossed the road or the road moved beneath the chicken depends on your frame of reference.

BUDDHA;

Asking this question denies your own chicken nature.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON;

The chicken did not cross the road....it transcended it.

ERNEST HEMINGWAY;

To die. In the rain.

COLONEL SANDERS;

What, you mean I missed one ?





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