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"Be My Valentine"

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Prentice Dates for February 2006..

2/04 Tannette Gauvreau

2/05 Steven and Lesley Prentice anniversary

2/11 Douglas & Tyanne Wallin Anniversary

2/14 Valentine Day

2/20 Rene' Ortega

2/21 Skylar Schmidt

2/22 Marla Williams

2/24 Brandon Hill (Marla's Williams son)

2/24 Shelly and John Gerling Anniversary

2/27 Amber Reynolds

2/28 Dawn #2

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Where is this?





MEMORIES

**A little house with one bedroom and one car on the street,
A mower that you had to push to make the grass look neat.
In the kitchen on the wall we only had one phone,
And no need for recording things, someone was always home.**

**We only had a living room where we would congregate,
Unless it was at mealtime in the kitchen where we ate.**

**We had no need for family rooms or extra rooms to dine,
When meeting as a family those two rooms would work out fine.**

**We only had one TV set, and channels maybe two,
But always there was one of them with something worth the view.**

**For snacks we had potato chips that tasted like a chip,
And if you wanted flavor there was Lipton's onion dip.**

**Store-bought snacks were rare because my mother liked to cook,
And nothing can compare to snacks in Betty Crocker's book.**

**Weekends were for family trips or staying home to play,
We all did things together -- even go to church to pray.**

**When we did our weekend trips depending on the weather,
No one stayed at home because we liked to be together.**

**Sometimes we would separate to do things on our own,
But we knew where the others were without our own cell phone.**

**Then there were the movies with your favorite movie star,
And nothing can compare to watching movies in your car.**

**Then there were the picnics at the peak of summer season,
Pack a lunch and find some trees and never need a reason.**

**Get a baseball game together with all the friends you know,
Have real action playing ball -- and no game video.**

**Remember when the doctor used to be the family friend,
And didn't need insurance or a lawyer to defend?
The way that he took care of you or what he had to do,
Because he took an oath and strived to do the best for you.**

**Remember going to the store and shopping casually,
And when you went to pay for it you used your own money?**

**Nothing that you had to swipe or punch in some amount,
Remember when the cashier person had to really count?**

**The milkman used to go from door to door,
And it was just a few cents more than going to the store.**

**There was a time when mailed letters came right to your door,
Without a lot of junk mail ads sent out by every store.**

**The mailman knew each house by name and knew where it was sent;
There were not loads of mail addressed to "present occupant."**

**Oh sure, we had our problems then, just like we do today,
And always we were striving, trying for a better way.**

**Oh, the simple life we lived! Still seems like so much fun,
How can you explain a game, just kick the can and run?**

**This life seemed so much easier and slower in some ways,
I love the new technology but I sure miss those days.**

**So time moves on and so do we, and nothing stays the same,
But I sure love to reminisce and walk down memory lane.**

The Blonde Pilot

A blonde pilot decided she wanted to learn how to fly a helicopter. She went to the airport, but the only one available was a solo-helicopter.

The Instructor figured he could let her go up alone since she was already a pilot for small planes and he could instruct her via radio. So up the blonde went. She reached 1,000 feet and everything was going smoothly. She reached 2,000 feet. The blonde and the Instructor kept talking via radio. Everything was going smoothly. At 3,000 feet the helicopter suddenly came down quickly! It skimmed the top of some trees and crash landed in the woods.

The Instructor jumped into his jeep and rushed out to see if the blonde was okay. As he reached the edge of the woods, the blonde was walking out.

"What happened?" the Instructor asked. "All was going so well until you reached 3,000 feet. What happened then?"

"Well," began the blonde, "I got cold. So I turned off the ceiling fan."

Instructions and other stuff from the Armed Forces

"Aim toward the enemy." - Instruction printed on US Rocket Launcher

"When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend." - US Marine Corps

"Cluster bombing from B-52s are very, very accurate. The bombs are guaranteed to always hit the ground." - USAF Ammo Troop

"If the enemy is in range, so are you." - Infantry Journal

"It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed." - US Air Force Manual

"Try to look unimportant; they may be low on ammo." - Infantry Journal

"You, you, and you ... Panic. The rest of you, come with me." - US Marine Corp Gunnery Sgt.

"Tracers work both ways." - US Army Ordnance

"Five second fuses only last three seconds." - Infantry Journal

Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid." - David Hackworth

"If your attack is going too well, your walking into an ambush." - Infantry Journal

"No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection." - Joe Gay

"Any ship can be a minesweeper... once." - Anonymous

"Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do." - Unknown Marine Recruit

"Don't draw fire; it irritates the people around you." - Your Buddies

"If you see a bomb technician running, follow him." - USAF Ammo Troop

"The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire."

"Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky." --From an old carrier sailor

"If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter -- and therefore, unsafe."

"When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash."

"Never trade luck for skill."

The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in aviation are: "Why is it doing that?", "Where are we?" and "Oh Shit!"

"Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers."

"Progress in airline flying: now a flight attendant can get a pilot pregnant."

"Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries."

"Just remember, if you crash because of weather, your funeral will be held on a sunny day."

"Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you."

"There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime." - Sign over squadron ops desk at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ,

"If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to."

Basic Flying Rules: "Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there."



Captain Prentice

Long ago, when sailing ships ruled the waves, Captain Prentice and his crew were in danger of being boarded by a pirate ship. As the crew became frantic, Captain Prentice bellowed to his first mate, "Bring me my red shirt!"

The first mate quickly retrieved Captain Prentice's red shirt, which the captain put on and led the crew to battle the pirate boarding party. Although some casualties occurred among the crew, the pirates were repelled.

Later that day, the lookout screamed there were two pirate vessels sending boarding parties. The crew cowered in fear, but Captain Prentice calmly bellowed to his first mate, "Bring me my red shirt!"

And once again the battle was on. Captain Prentice and his crew repelled both boarding parties, however this time, more casualties occurred. Weary from the battles, the men sat around that night recounting the days occurrences when one asked Captain Prentice, "Sir, why do you ask for your red shirt before the battles?"

Captain Prentice replied, "If I am wounded in battle, the red shirt does not show the blood and thus, you men will continue to fight unafraid..."

The men sat in silence marveling at the courage of such a man. As dawn came the next morning, the lookout screamed there were 10 pirate ships, all with boarding parties on their way. The men became silent and looked to Captain Prentice, their leader, for his usual command. Captain

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Prentice, calm as ever, bellowed, "Bring me my brown pants!"

Are you normal?

Just when you thought you were going to be all right...

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director, "What is the criteria that defines a patient to be institutionalized?"

"Well..." said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, and offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask them to empty the bathtub."

1. Would you use the spoon? 2. Would you use the teacup? 3. Would you use the bucket?

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person, would choose the bucket as it is larger than the spoon or the teacup."

"Noooooo," answered the Director. "A normal person would pull the plug."

(You are not required to tell anyone how you did on this test.)

2005 Darwin Awards

Yes, it's that magical time of the year again when the Darwin Awards are bestowed, honoring the least evolved among us. Here then, are the glorious winners.

Darwin Award Winners:

1. When his 38-calibre revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.....

And now, the honorable mentions:

2. The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and, after a little hopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence, sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

3. A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

4. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

5. An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

6. A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer...\$15. (If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?)

7. Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinderblock through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinderblock and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinderblock bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.

8. As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

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9. The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan, at 5 a.m., flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away.

A 5-STAR STUPIDITY AWARD WINNER!

10. When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

AMEN

There was a preacher whose wife was expecting a baby so he went to the congregation and asked for a raise. After much consideration and discussion, they passed a rule that whenever the preacher's family expanded, so would his paycheck.

After 6 children, this started to get expensive and the Congregation decided to hold another meeting to discuss the preacher's salary. There was much yelling and bickering about how much the clergyman's additional children were costing the church Finally, the Preacher got up and spoke to the crowd, "Children are a gift from God," he said. Silence fell on the congregation.

In the back of the room, a little old lady stood up and in her frail voice said, "Rain is also a gift from God, but when we get too much, we wear rubbers".

And the congregation said, "amen."

Jail Time

An 80 year old woman was arrested for shop lifting.

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10 Things to say when you get caught sleeping on the computer.

10. "They told me at the Blood Bank this might happen."
9. "This is just a 15 minute power nap they raved about in the time management course you sent me to!"
8. "Whew! Guess I left the top off the Whiteout. You probably got here just in time."
7. "I wasn't sleeping! I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new business strategy."
6. "I was testing my keyboard for drool resistance."
5. "I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work-related

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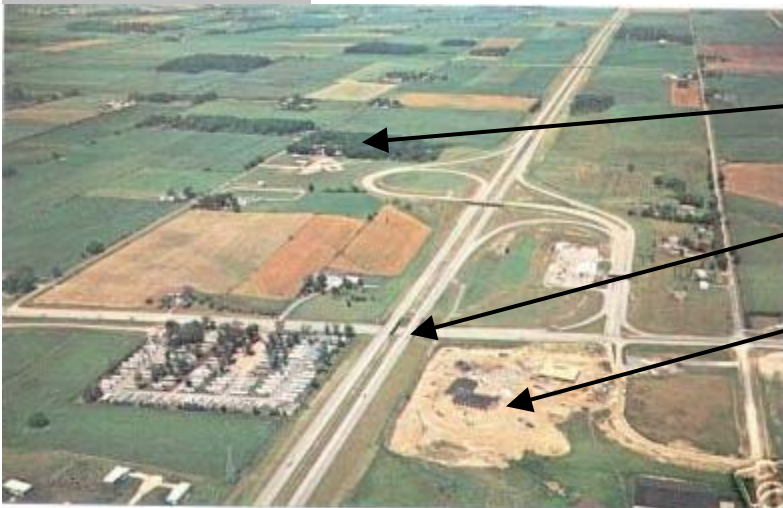
stress. Are you discriminatory toward people who practice Yoga?"

4. "Darn! Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out how to handle that big accounting problem."
3. "Did you ever notice sound coming out of these keyboards when you put your ear down real close?"
2. "Who put decaf in the wrong pot?!?"

AND THE NUMBER ONE best thing to say if you get caught sleeping at your desk.....

1. Raise your head slowly and say, "...in Jesus' name, Amen."

Where is this?



George and Esther's House

I-90 and RT20-East State Street

Clock Tower Inn under construction.

Do you remember the toll bridge?

Greater Rockford Toll Bridge Committee told the Loves Park City Council the Riverside bridge will become free at midnight Jan. 31, 1967.

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