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From the Bridge

Vice Commodore Tom Trost



I would like to personally thank each and every member for his or her cooperation while the basin was under construction this past spring especially in front of the high traffic areas of D, E, J and K docks. These improvements, as you can see, were well worth the temporary inconvenience. As the work continues on this project I sincerely thank each and every volunteer that has added to the success of this basin project benefiting the EYC with substantial financial savings. I would also like to thank the

little known 'Past Commodore's Club' that worked all winter long inside the maintenance building cutting and fitting all of the wood for the finger docks, the rub rails and the uprights. These docks have added beauty to the club with their form and function.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! Boat safely and don't forget to wear your hat, life jacket and SPF-45.



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The EYC hosted our 1st "Pull Together Erie" an Awareness and Fundraiser Event for the embattled Flagship Niagara when the State pulled her funding. The ship was a great backdrop for the event tied up at our gas dock.



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The 2009 fight for the *Flagship Niagara* was taken to the Erie Yacht Club and the Flagship won Big Time victory. This was second only to her famous Battle of Lake Erie on September 13, 1813... but she has more battles to fight.

It is with a great deal of pride in the EYC membership, the many volunteers and this very special community that I announce that our very First *Niagara* fundraiser, "Pull Together Erie", was an absolutely marvelous and highly meaningful success raising \$35,000. These funds will go

to immediate use to keep the *Niagara* sailing.

The EYC hosted a casual evening cocktail reception in our Bayfront Ballroom with our Bliss Room acting as a Silent Auction showcase helping to lead the charge in saving the *Niagara's* sailing program. P/C Ron Busse served as our emcee, and did an excellent job entertaining all our guests. Member Jim Finn, a Professional Auctioneer, donated his skills and knowledge to our live Auction held in the Bayfront Ballroom which proved to be a major help in our highly successful first *Niagara* event.

The magnificent response to our effort in fighting for *Niagara's* future was joined by scores of terrific contributors. Unfortunately I will not even attempt to name them all here but I do want to give special thanks to the CA Curtze Company, our excellent entertainment by Marty O'Connor and John Dauber, P/C John Ashby of Ashby Advertising and EYC Member

Steve Hanks of Emerald Printing for reacting so quickly, all without any remuneration.

Brief yet informative presentations were provided by Commodore David Amantangelo, *Flagship Niagara* League President Brian Scott, Cathedral Prep Headmaster Father Jabo, Niagara Sr. Captain Walter Rybka, and *Niagara* Captain Wesley Heerssen were all highly informative and very well received. The Mayor's special emissary de-

livered a Mayoral Proclamation commending the EYC for "Outstanding Community Support and Initiative", which we will have framed and put on display in the Clubhouse.

Artwork and other significantly related *Niagara* items were donated by EYC Members Sue Busse, Thomas Halmi, and Kit Kershaw. Additional items were donated by Ronald Rasmus, Great Lakes Towing, Samsel Supply Company, Gregg Koski at Ullman Sails, The Forester Society, John Baker Photography, our own LOG Magazine along with many others. Framing and

matting services were provided in part by both the Kada Gallery and U-Frame It - The Poster Annex ... Thank You All!

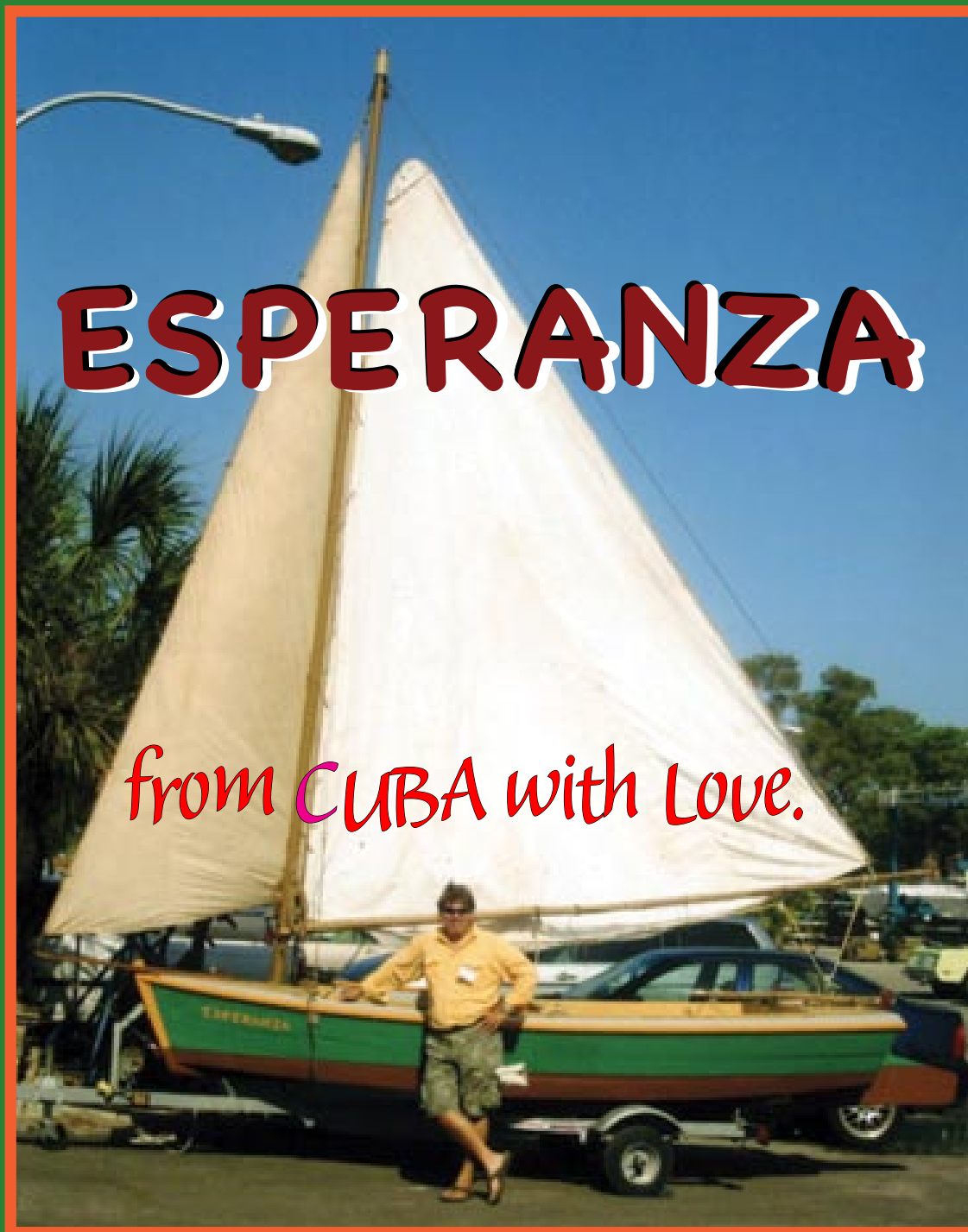
The *Flagship Niagara* League, the non-profit chartered by the State of Pennsylvania to operate the *Niagara*, must raise an additional \$175,000 to keep the vessel sailing into next year. The League will be announcing an upcoming Capital Campaign to meet this goal. If the Erie community can raise over \$35,000 in three hours, surely we can raise \$175,000 in

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EYC & Flagship Niagara "Pull Together Erie" Huge Success!

by Douglas Boldt





ESPERANZA

from CUBA with Love.

BY JERRY BIEN



Esperanza heading to the water for the first time since her original Cuban builders left their homeland in search of freedom in the U.S.

Last winter as I sat in my lawn chair at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club's Antique Car & Boat Show, I wondered if the judges would like my favorite project.

The project was the restoration of the Cuban refugee boat *Esperanza*. This little 15' gem was found in a tangled clump of grass flats on the Atlantic side of Windley Key, in Florida in 1990.

The story goes something like this. Some residents of a nearby trailer park said that six Cubans, after reaching dry land, scrambled ashore abandoning the boat where it sat.

A local resident took the little boat home and used it for the next sixteen years as lawn art for his fishing cottage on Islamorada until he, Janice Pice-Carillo, decided to donate it to the Florida Maritime museum in Cortez, Florida.



Here I am guiding this "freedom giving relic", a well deserving little craft, a chance again to feel the water rolling over her keel while under sail again.

The mast and sails were long gone but the residue of a shower curtain like material was still stretched across the cockpit gunnels to help prevent it from sinking in the ocean while on their perilous 90 mile crossing to freedom.

The restoration was very extensive since the entire bottom, all the adjacent planking and most of the framework had totally rotted away along with what remained of the keel, the centerboard trunk and the centerboard itself which had to be removed. And, other than the dry rotted skeleton of the original craft, all that was left of this little boat was an even bigger desire of a group of volunteers at the museum to save this relic of history for future generations so they may better understand the extent man will go to live in true freedom which in the United States is like no other.

To safeguard the original builders integrity of their "make-do" craftsmanship, the volunteers dismantled the boat with great attention to detail in an attempt to stay as true to the

original boat builders design and materials as possible through its reconstruction. Bob Pitt, the museum's coordinator of boat building and education showed me the boat one day and I saw it as a fun project. Most of the other volunteers saw it as firewood and wished we would have burned it.

Esperanza has since been on exhibit many times in many places. Most people have just read about these boats, not many have seen, touched or sailed in them. We have sailed her many times and I actually raced her last year in Sarasota Bay.

Esperanza is 15' long and 4' wide with approximately 18" of freeboard. Not something you would like to sail to Port Dover in with six people aboard let alone across a 90 mile span of ocean. It has a tree branch for a boom and tiller. Treated fencing makes up the floorboards and the sails are real cotton fabric similar to the originals. Some of the hardware is original



Esperanza stands tall and straight as she bobs across the well as the many spectators marvel at witnessing her reintroduction to water since she first being floated off a Cuban beach in 1990.

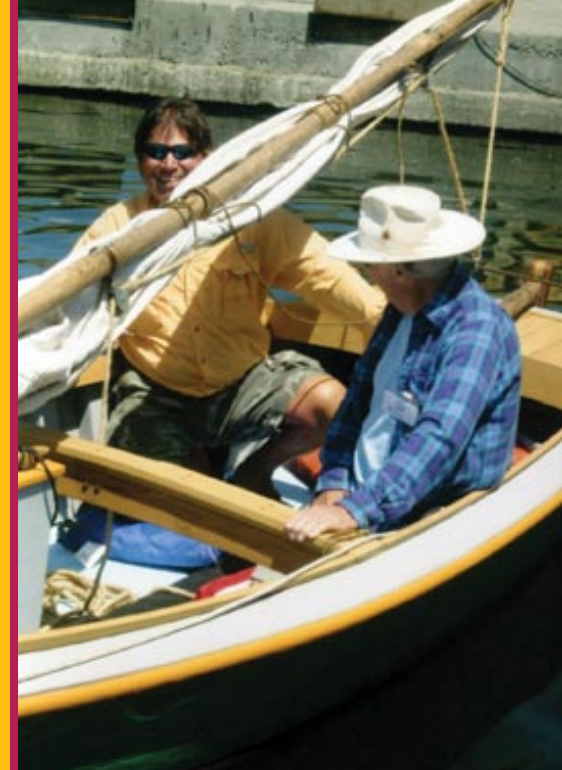
as are several of the planks and frames. The stem is also original. The rest of the boat was pretty much dry rot and termite infested.

Esperanza is a typical Cuban fishing boat design built in the 50's. The poor Cuban fisherman that owned it probably woke up one morning and found that it had up and disappeared! And who knows, the thieves who stole her may be running Miami by now.

The boat was recently measured and recorded in the historic (American Merchant Marine Survey) AMMS at the Smithsonian Institute for all to see. All of this was accomplished at our small craft festival this past April.

Today, *Esperanza* is the only Cuban refugee boat brought back to life that exists in the entire United States. Many discarded parts of the boat are actually on display inside a fish tank at the Florida Aquarium in Tampa, Florida arranged so as to resemble a shipwreck. We used to use these parts of the original boat as part of a display at shows and other events and it added greatly to our telling of *Esperanza*'s original saga. So this did not make me at all happy.

I am happy to announce that you will have the opportunity to see *Esperanza* up close and personal at this year's "Red Cross Regatta" on August 30th. I hope we can find a "sponsor" and enter *Esperanza* in this terrific charity event. It will also be displayed on the front lawn for our members' and regatta partici-



Jerry and I on *Esperanza*'s, her first passengers since those six Cubans huddled together on their 90 mile voyage across an unknown sea to an equally unknown country in their hope for their salvation and American freedom.

pants' pleasure after the race.

Also, we hope to have *Esperanza* on display at the Bayfront Center for Marine Studies until I take her to the Chesapeake Maritime Museum's Small Craft Festival in early October. At that point, I will be turning it over to fellow Florida Museum volunteer Bob Pitt for her trip back to Cortez in the Sunshine State.

I often wonder what the refugees, as well as her original Cuban owners, would think of their little boat now? After all, *Esperanza* in Spanish means "HOPE".



Bob Pitt, museum boatbuilder and Brad's daddy, is towing us into Sarasota Bay for *Esperanza*'s first sail since 1990 ... just kidding about that Brad's daddy thing!





Gather the crew & prepare to set sail for action, adventure & competition followed by one of the premier yachting celebrations of the year; power boats, spectators & sponsors too, it's Red Cross Regatta time! The race begins at 12:00 noon and the after-race party features live entertainment by Key West Express and a new Caribbean theme, trophy presentation, games of chance, camaraderie and one of the most anticipated summer functions at the Erie Yacht Club.

A great time for a great cause has the Erie Yacht Club membership preparing, planning & ultimately supporting the Greater Erie Chapter of the American Red Cross in the Red Cross Regatta. All funds raised will remain in our lo-

cal community to support people in times of need in an emergency or local disaster. Funds from the Erie Yacht Club Charity Regatta have always been designated to provide programs and services that support the Erie community and make a difference. The American Red Cross is the agency that is federally mandated to provide immediate assistance to those effected by local disasters or emergencies, along with military personnel and their families facing crisis. These vital, unduplicated Red Cross services provided are solely funded by the generosity of donors in our local community.

For over 90 years, the Erie Red Cross has responded to local disasters and emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Immediate

25th Annual ERIE YACHT CLUB CHARITY REGATTA *in support of*



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by Pam Masi

help is provided to bring victims back to self-sufficiency by aiding with temporary housing, food, and clothing, emotional well-being and other crucial needs. In addition we provide emergency communication and vital services to local military personnel and their families.

Red Cross is also the number one provider of disaster prevention, preparedness and response education to our community. Being prepared to react in emergencies creates positive outcomes. We also offer CPR, First Aid, Learn to Swim, Lifeguard Training and Safe Babysitting certifications to empower people and youth to take control of the safety of their lives and those around them.

To enter your sail or powerboat, log onto the Erie Yacht Club web site to download the registration form, pick one up at the Club, or visit the Erie Red Cross web site at www.eriedcross.org. Call the chapter for sponsorship and volunteer opportunities or questions at 833-0942.

Join the Erie Yacht Club membership in their partnership with the Erie Red Cross Chapter to bring much needed public awareness and resources to provide safety education and disaster response and to help make Erie a safer community! We all need to work together to restore hope, dignity and stability to our neighbors in need.



George Carlin's

“Views on Aging!”

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids?

If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions.

'How old are you?' 'I'm four and a half!' You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead.

'How old are you?' 'I'm gonna be 16!' You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16!

And then the greatest day of your life ! You become 21.

Even the words sound like a ceremony. YOU BECOME 21. YES-SSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out.

There's no fun now, you're Just a sour-dump-ling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone.

But wait! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90's, you start going backwards; 'I Was JUST 92.'

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!' May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them.'

2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

3. Keep learning! Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever, even ham radio. Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's family name is Alzheimer's.

4. Enjoy the simple things.

5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

6. When tears happen ... endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county, to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

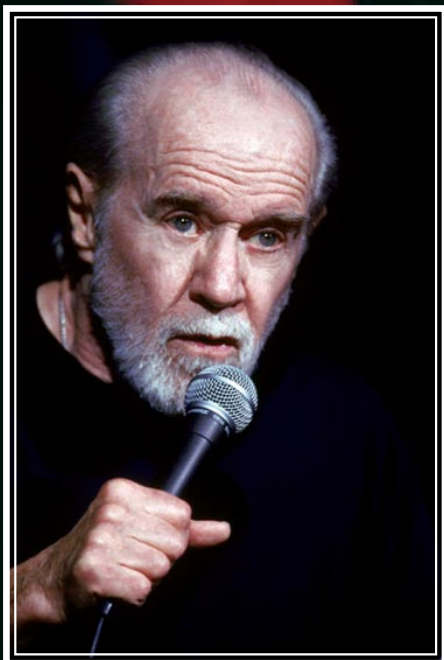
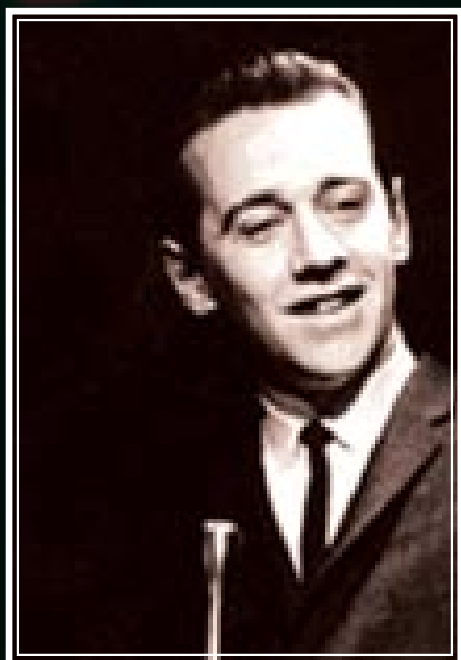
10. Tell the people you love that you love them at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER :

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Share this with someone. We all need to live life to its fullest each day!

Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting '... holy sh*t ... what a ride!'



Oasis OF THE Seas

by P/C John Ashby



The top deck aft features two pools, tennis/basketball courts, whirlpools, family water areas and a beautiful wooded and planted park retreat.

If you like to lose yourself in the romance and adventure of sailing radiant blue water oceans and explore warm charm of far away places in unparalleled luxury then you have a whole new experience to embrace ... the *Oasis of the Seas*.

This is the most unique, luxurious, comfortable treasurer of cruising adventures ever conceived and constructed. And surprisingly it's affordable!

She is the most innovative and imaginative ship yet to be launched. *Oasis of the Seas*, for the first time ever, boosts entertainment areas that have become neighborhoods at sea.

The giant whirlpool in an open air setting is just the thing after a good game of tennis or a hearty workout in the Fitness center.



Enjoy a revolutionary design where public space joins nature in a "Central Park" neighborhood, or the old-world charm with a modern twist in the entertaining "Boardwalk" neighborhood. Visit the "Pool and Sports Zone" to explore an "entire deck" of pools, rock-climbing walls, basketball courts and more. And don't forget the "Youth Zone" where kids can be kids and parents can be worry-free. With a total of seven distinct onboard neighborhoods, everyone can discover a place for unique experiences.

The *Oasis of the Seas* boasts 28 ultra-modern loft suites and 2,700 spacious staterooms, this 16 deck marvel proves that the impossible, today is possible. You have to see it to believe it and cruise it to experience a whole new world of true escapade.

After a day of exploring the world, its exotic cuisine and interesting cultures, there's nothing better than returning to the comfort of your private stateroom. They have designed every one of our staterooms to be a comfortable, relaxing place for you to rest after your adventures. The staterooms vary by ship, but every

room offers a television, telephone, private bath, shower, vanity and even a hair-dryer.

This man-made marvel offers guests four main categories of staterooms. By choosing a category, you can then choose a specific room-type, based on your needs.

The *Oasis of the Seas* will include a new concept in cruise ship design - one that bears an interesting resemblance to theme park planning. She will have seven "neighborhoods" on

Guests entrance to the extensive spa and exercise gym for those who want to stay svelte and in-shape while off on an adventure.



This is the entrance to a fully equipped and staffed day care center for parents who may want a little alone time without the kids.

board, each with their own distinct characteristics.

Boardwalk.

The new AquaTheater, the Carousel and the Zip Line are some activities located in this neighborhood. The Boardwalk also features a variety of restaurants and shops such as Johnny Rockets diner, the Seafood Shack, Candy Beach, and the Boardwalk Doughnut Shop.

Royal Promenade.

The *Royal Promenade* will have many of the

same features found on Voyager and Freedom Class ships, but there are some new amenities. These include a *skylight* that lets natural light flow inside from above, and the *Rising Tide Bar*, which is a bar that moves between three decks of the ship. There is also a convenient shopping mall aboard, with some shops and cafes that include a Champagne Bar, Cafe Promenade, Sorrentos Pizzeria, a Close Shave men's groom and barber shop also a clothing, jewelry, a general store, and "of course" a bar featuring your favorite liquids for both day and night activities.

Central Park.

Central Park is a lush park setting that will be open to the sky and will include a variety of shop and restaurant options including the always present Chops Grille.

Vitality at Sea Spa and Fitness Center.

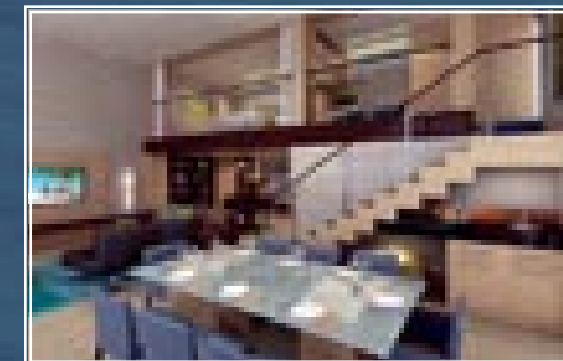
The Vitality at Sea Spa and Fitness Center will be larger than the ones you have encountered in the past. The Fitness Center will offer different workout studios for a variety of classes. The Sea Spa will offer massages, saunas, steam rooms, a Beauty Salon, and the Vitality Café.

Pool and Sports Zone.

The *Oasis of the Seas* will feature 4 pools and 10 whirlpools, there are also several vantage points of Central Park from the pool areas. The Beach Pool is intended to have a beach theme, the typical H2O Zone with a giant octopus and many other exciting water features. There is also a traditional main pool which is surrounded by 3 bars in the pool area.

The adults-only solarium has moved to the bow and it will feature some whirlpools like the Freedom Class. The sports deck will feature: basketball, two "flowriders", two rock climbing walls, "oasis dunes" mini-golf, and a zipline that glides across the boardwalk.

The epitome of luxury awaits you in the spacious suites with a living and dining room combination for entertaining and two full bedroom accommodations.



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Explaining screening methods and reviewing the client's preliminary questionnaire prior to screening.

When I was learning how to sail, the “tell-tale” was an indicator that you were doing everything right, or that you needed to make adjustments. In the human body, is there a telltale? That is the question that researchers have struggled with now that we know what causes disease of the arteries, the number one killer in the United States.

Much of what is known today about atherosclerosis has come from a study started in 1948 on a group of citizens in a town in Massachusetts called Framingham. The Framingham study continues on in the third generation of the original participants. Looked at today, the revelations of this study seem so simple. Increased risk associated with a sedentary lifestyle and being overweight. In 1960 smoking was found to increase the risk of disease. In 1961, hypertension and high cholesterol were added to the list. It wasn't until 1977 that the levels of HDL/LDL/triglycerides were found to be relevant and in 1988 it was found that a high level of HDL reduced the risk of disease. In 2004 the offspring study increased risk for children of parents with atherosclerosis.

Research on medications to reduce LDL cholesterol had taken place in the 70's and the first medication to reach the market, lovastatin, did so in 1987. Surveys now show that between 50 to 75% of the population knows their cholesterol levels. That in itself is testimony to how important this particular telltale is to outcome of the disease in an individual.

Despite all of the knowledge gained over the last 50 years, there continues to be a certain anxiety in the generation of the baby boom-

We utilize ultrasound to examine abdominal aorta to rule out aneurysm.



Telltales...

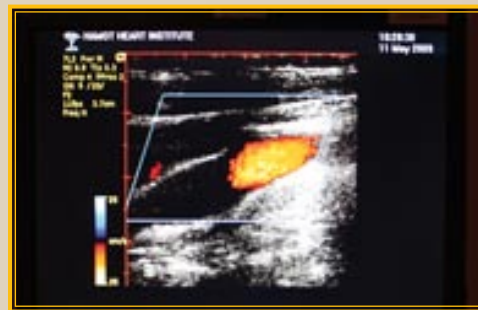
“lessons of life”

by Greg Knecht, RDCS, RVT

ers regarding the likelihood of a stroke or heart attack. There is a lack of a visible telltale that gives a benchmark of success or an indication to make corrections.

Vascular screening programs are a possible solution. Ultrasound technology and the ability to look inside an artery have been available for about 30 years. Finding disease is easy, but insurance will only reimburse for an exam ordered by a physician based on a “symptom”. This severely limits their usefulness in the general population. Early or advanced atherosclerosis is a disease, free of symptoms until its final stages, when the symptom is very often fatal.

We measure the blood flow and pressure at both ankles for developing comparisons between each leg and arm readings.



This is a screen showing an example of carotid artery imaging using color flow doppler.

Screening programs focus on the “peripheral” arteries such as the neck and leg. These are easily accessed by a technologist using painless and safe ultrasound probes placed on the surface of the skin. There is a direct correlation between disease/health of these arteries and the arteries of the heart. Although initially suspect of the accuracy of these programs, there is a growing acceptance by physicians of them and certainly their patients that have them are a testimonial as well.

What to look for in a screening program? Certainly an affiliation with a well-known and reliable health care provider is a key ingredient. A recommendation from your physician would also carry a lot of weight.

Is it private? Is there a medical director? Is the technologist registered? When do I get my results? Will your physician be notified? Cost is also a factor not to be overlooked. A non-profit will usually give you the best results for the dollar spent.

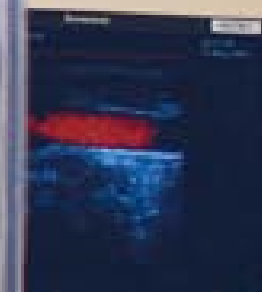
If the results of your screening show no evidence for atherosclerotic disease, the telltale is doing what you want it to. If plaque is found, but in its mild to moderate forms, a correction in lifestyle or medication may be necessary to stop its progression and this can be done with the aid of your physician. And in a few cases

when severe but asymptomatic disease is discovered, planned correction of the problem can take place.

My own personal experience with starting and running a screening program locally has been that the time spent with each participant is invaluable. I show each person their arteries and share all findings under the supervision of a physician. The result is a person who has a better understanding of their body and a reliable telltale of the future.



The carotid artery being examined with painless safe ultrasound technology.



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After each exam the facilitator goes over all of the findings with the patient and explains the results in layman's terms.

All this talk about “stimulus packages” and “bailouts”... and a Billion dollars or a Hundred Billion dollars ... or Eight Hundred Billion dollars ... and even One TRILLION dollars ... or many TRILLIONS of dollars! Well, what does that look like? I mean, these various numbers are tossed around like so many doggie treats, so I thought I'd take a Google Sketchup out for a test drive and try to get a sense of what exactly a trillion dollars does actually look like.

What Does a Trillion Dollars Look Like?



1. We'll start with a \$100 dollar bill. Currently the largest U.S. denomination in general circulation. Most everyone has seen them, slightly fewer have owned them. Guaranteed to make friends wherever they go.

2. A packet of one hundred \$100 bills is less than 1/2" thick and contains \$10,000. Fits in your pocket easily and is more than enough for a week or two of shamefully decadent fun.



3. Believe it or not, this next little pile is \$1 million dollars (100 packets of \$10,000). You could stuff that into a grocery bag and walk around with it.



5. And \$1 Billion dollars ... that can easily be placed on only 10 pallets single stacked.

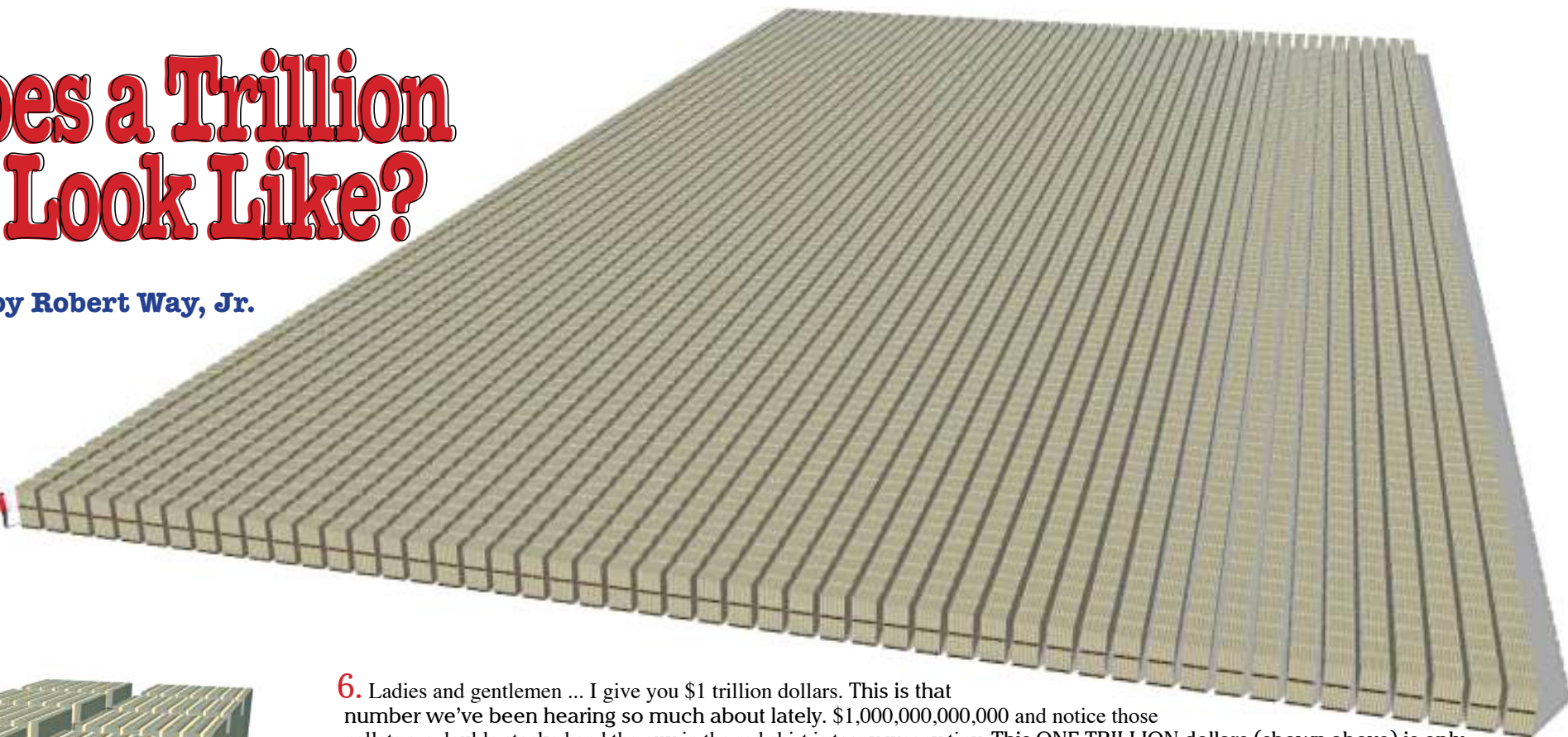


4. While a measly \$1 million looked a little unimpressive, \$100 million is a little more respectable. It fits neatly on a standard pallet.



submitted by Robert Way, Jr.

Same little guy in his red shirt!



6. Ladies and gentlemen ... I give you \$1 trillion dollars. This is that number we've been hearing so much about lately. \$1,000,000,000,000 and notice those pallets are double stacked and the guy in the red shirt is teeny weeny tiny. This ONE TRILLION dollars (shown above) is only a fraction of the money that our new President is planning on spending and he is going to increase this amount easily seven to fifteen times and we were told to rebel against only a few hundred Billion spent by our last president on our response to 911! Hey, somebody is in big serious trouble here ... YOU and ME!

7. We taxpayers will have to pay back all these trillions of dollars that they are spending. The real problem is Congress doesn't create any "wealth", it only spends the "wealth" from what the people create from working. So with all the new higher taxes coming to "working people and business" the cost of living for all the people is going to be skyrocketing. Also the government never fully pays back all its debt, it just adds to it through the age old process of buying more and more votes for their costly yet unworkable new programs. This is simply our politicians method of staying in office longer. All this new government debt will further cripple the economy for untold generations and

will be a yoke around the taxpayers' collective necks for a millennium. Remember, big government always begets bigger government. Today, they are planning to spend "multi-trillions" of your hard earned money just to "buy votes". All this spending will only do one thing for sure and that is "every hard working American's standard of living will plummet drastically with the only exception being top government employees including the congress, the senate and above. Plus with the quickly growing number of non-productive voting members of our soon to balloon citizenry", since they are going to simply pass legislation to make all the illegals in this country citizens and they'll succeed in

having their votes for eternity ... but then again that's just how socialism works.

So the next time you hear some government official toss around the phrase "trillions" of dollars at least you'll know what they are talking about even if they don't. But then again, they don't care either way, because all the hardship they create will not effect them one bit ... they are simply buying the votes to insure their next election! So open your eyes and ears ... they are easy to spot. Then you'll know who is really working for you or just on "their next election's results".



“Older Generation Stands Up and Speaks Out”...

submitted by Dave Jones



Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, 'How old was your husband?' '98,' she replied ... 'Two years older than me.' 'So you're 96,' the undertaker commented. She responded, 'Hardly worth going home, isn't it?'

Reporters interviewing a 104 year old woman: 'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked. She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes plus I'm half blind, can't hear anything

quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. 'Wal-Mart?' the preacher exclaimed. 'Why Wal-Mart?' 'Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week'

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, 'For fast relief.'

THE SENILITY PRAYER : Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now, I think you're supposed to share this with 5 or 6, maybe 10 others.. Oh heck, give it to a bunch of your friends if you can remember who they are!

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The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that "We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under god, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they are found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies the Supreme Being.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington,

and the sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep "Meaning". In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why. Please share this with the children you love and all others who love the symbol of "Liberty and Freedom."

Our Flag at Military Funerals

submitted by Adrienne Levis

Remember the principals relating to the Flag of the United States of America. Let us not forget those fellow citizens that have served our country in their efforts to preserve our freedom.

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Gib and Jamie having a comparatively easy time off it 200 miles offshore.

Dear Reader, if parts of this article seem a little disjointed it is due to the fact that three writers are contributing and of course there will be different thoughts on various events. On with the story:

We all have our own “bucket list” of things (other than work) that we would like to accomplish along life’s journey. One of Jim’s items was to take his beautiful Hinkley 42 *Nyanza* from Erie to the Caribbean and participate in the “Caribbean 1500” along the way. As fate would have it both Jamie and Gib had such an adventure on their “list”, thus a team was born. Pete Reyburn was also supposed to be part of the team but unfortunately he developed pneumonia and had to cancel at the very last minute.

The “1500” is an organized race – a Rally starting in Norfolk and concluding at Tortola in the British Virgin Islands (1490 nautical miles). It goes like this, Cross the Gulf Stream, sail out to the 45-46th parallel...just south of Bermuda and turn south. It is organized so that sailors who want to get their boats to the Caribbean can more or less travel as a group and race along the way. Prior to the start the organizers have various seminars that deal with safety, side band radios, weather, sea sickness, the Gulf Stream and other ocean currents. They also do a comprehensive safety inspection of the boats and will not allow any boat to participate that is not “up to snuff”. Each boat is equipped with a satellite transponder which keeps track of the vessel’s position and also allows the folks at home to keep track of the race via the internet.

The minimum length boat invited is 40 feet in our fleet the largest boat was 70 feet. We

were one of the smallest. In an effort to try and get every boat there within a reasonable time period you are allowed to run your engine (better than slatting around in the ocean). The engine time is carefully monitored on the honor system and reported to the “mother ship” each day and your handicap adjusted accordingly. There are two role calls a day to report the latitude and longitude, wind direction, wind speed and engine time. All of this is done via single side band radio and allows everyone participating to get a feel for what is going on. There are also doctors in the fleet who are available for medical problems if and when needed (more on this later). As with all fleets this size there really are qualified experts on most every subject, electronic, mechanical, rigging, just about everything you can think of and they are very willing to assist with any problem that develops (and there are a few) along the way. Generally speaking this is a well organized event and a great way to make new friends and make a long passage safer and more enjoyable.

The summer was spent preparing *Nyanza* for the trip south, new electronics, a new fresh watermaker, new bottom, additional safety gear, gathering spare parts and a thousand other items that had to be done. Sherry Burger from Fort Lauderdale was signed on as the Captain’s number two. Sherry is an experienced boat captain, excellent cook and great organizer. While there were several friends who helped get *Nyanza* to Norfolk, Sherry and Bob “Beans” Becker and Pete Reyburn were the primary crew along with the Kubeja’s helping get her through the Erie Canal.

A long time ago when Gib was getting his boat ready for a voyage south he was told that if you don’t leave until everything is complete you will be tied up to the dock for the rest of your life and of course this proved to be true for *Nyanza*. Once the boat arrived in Hampton several things had to be tended to, a small leak or two in the new watermaker, new pump for the head, additional fuel into jerry cans that needed to be stored and strapped on properly down to little things like new sail ticks.

The Rally crew (Gib and Jamie) arrived in Hampton on October 28th and were greeted by heavy winds and 40 degree temperatures. Sherry’s daughter lived nearby where she started the process of preparing meals to be frozen and stored onboard. The race was scheduled

to start on November 2nd. When the Rally crew arrived they pitched in to help with all of those little details referred to earlier. Unfortunately the weather that greeted the delivery crew seemed to be stuck in the general area for several days, that plus a new heavy low forming off the Georgia coast resulted in 30-40 knot winds out of the Southwest which would have us slugging it out to windward (not fun). On Thursday the 6th we were given a green light to start on the 7th, as you can imagine by that time the four of us were ready, the anticipation was killing us, let’s start!

After all of the wind for the past few days we started at 1100 hours in long rollers (about 8 feet) with virtually no wind and motored for the first six hours. Because we do not want to bore the reader with hour by hour information, here are some of the highlights of the next 10

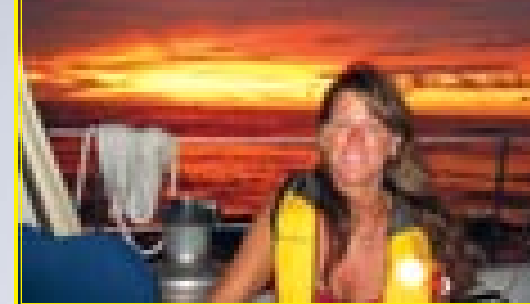


A finish photo at Roadtown, Tortola - 10 days out I to r Jamie, Sherry, Gib and Capt. Jim.

days. On day two the winds started to build 10 to 20 out of the southwest, there was also a hurricane forming near Cuba and moving our way. Jim and Sherry were on watch and faced our first tropical storm with gusts reaching 40+ knots, Jamie helped do the reefing while Gib slept (lucky him). The next day was peaceful and we had a lovely Thanksgiving dinner (a little early) in the cockpit moving nicely with fair winds.

After dinner the winds started to build again and later that night produced the worst storm most of us had ever sailed through. Gib speaking “It was a real test for the entire crew. Captain Jim demonstrated his ability to handle his ship, bark clear instruction on what was needed and how he wanted it done. All hands

Gib gets ready to report in on the 1800HR single side band.



Captain Sherry Berger enjoying a beautiful sunset offshore ... we all would have enjoyed having alot more of these!

followed his orders which kept the ship and crew safe”.

It also produced Gib’s poetic log entry: “The sky turned black, the winds they blew, but good old *Nyanza* she came through”.

For the next couple of days the winds were up and down but mostly fair, disaster did not strike until Wednesday evening when the winds had built to 20+ and our good cook Sherry took a “header” out of the galley bouncing off the companion way ladder and the chart table. Unfortunately, she fractured a rib and lacerated her cheek. This all occurred during the evening single sideband report. Jim speaking, “Immediately Gib became the ship’s doctor, he consulted with the fleet doctor on a treatment plan and completed it in a rolling bouncing sea. This was a serious injury and made you understand how vulnerable you are at sea when the nearest medical facility is 775 nautical miles away and your average speed is 5 or 6 knots”. Sherry was patched up and put to bed for the next several days.

The 2008 Caribbean 1500 (miles that is) from Hampton/Norfolk, VA to the British Virgin Islands.

2008 Caribbean 1,500

by Captain Jim McBriar, Gib Loesel & Jamie Taylor

Jamie speaking, “Uncle Gib also became the cook, when Sherry fell she had been preparing Shish Kabobs. After Sherry was tucked away Gib started the dinner over, the rice had been boiling ,the kabobs were cold, so he made a stew or so he thought out of it. When this delightful meal was served to Jim and I (we were on watch) it wasn’t long before the fish were feed. Later Jim said, “Gib when we get home I am going to send you down to Meadville to which Gib replied, why? The Captain then said “because that is where they make Dad’s Dog Food and maybe you could sell your recipe to them” Uncle Cook then produced “good” sandwiches” and Sherry coached from her bunk.

The watch schedule had to be changed after Sherry got injured, now a crew of only three. We would spend four hours on deck, followed by two hours of sleep in a soaking wet bunk. Why, because everything was wet from the waves washing the cockpit, if you found a dry piece of clothing it called for a celebration. The auto helm stopped working so it was all hand steering and for the next four and half days it blew between 16 and 45 knots.

No matter how well prepared you are when you sail 1500 miles mostly in rough weather “things” happen and each of them have their own story. In addition to the autohelm already mentioned, a story could be told about the hydraulic backstay failure, breaking main halyard, battens disappearing, roller furler line parting, dodger problems, cabin tables tearing out of bulkhead, Taylor’s inflatable jacket blowing up, electronic wires coming lose, replacing the U.S. Flag that blew away, just to

mention a few.



Sherry’s Thanksgiving styled Turkey Dinner on one of the few calm nights about 200 miles out.

mention a few.

Sunday November 16th “LAND HO” ... we crossed the finish line just after sunset and of course the winds and seas were now dying down, that’s just the way it is. Sherry was feeling much better and it was drinks all around for our finishing celebration and a toast to good old *Nyanza*!!

P.S. *Nyanza* left the EYC on August 14, 2008 traveling as far south as St. Barts and returned to EYC on April 14, 2009. Distance Traveled 4600 NM. Does anyone know of a sailboat from the EYC that has sailed into the Caribbean like this and returned?

For further information on *Nyanza* go to: yachtnyanza.com.



Just one of many frontal lows that was about to come through NYANZA !



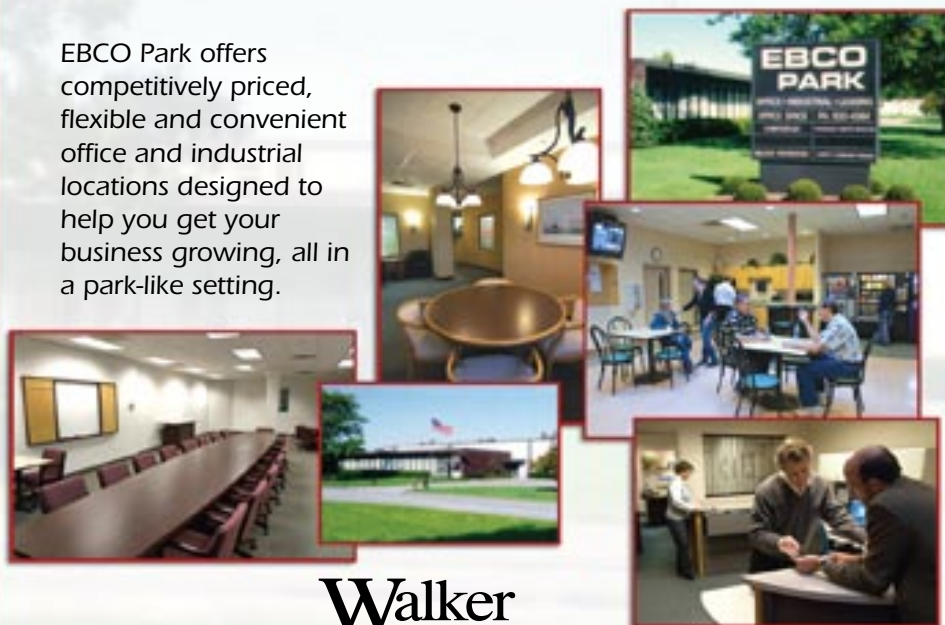
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She looks and sounds so inviting I may have to consider moving up to pure unadulterated boating elegance and hitch a ride aboard the new First Lady of the Cruising industry *Oasis*

OASIS OF THE SEAS

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Entertainment Place.

The Entertainment Place will be accessible by stairs from the Royal Promenade, it occupies a central location and acts as a crossroads to many of the ship's amenities. It hosts venues including the "Casino Royale", and the "Opal Theater".

The Entertainment Place will also feature an ice skating rink like many other Carnival ships. For your gaming pleasure she features a larger than usual Casino Royale. In addition, the Opal Theater (main theater), the ship features some other theaters that will include both dance lessons and competitions.

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The heart of the *Oasis of the Seas* will be the Royal Promenade which will feature a variety of shops, service outlets, restaurants and lounges.

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Central Park aboard *Oasis* is another remarkable setting featuring neat shops in a beautiful park setting, Park's Cafe, Antonio's Table and Chops Grille restaurants with flowers, trees, green areas and rustic walkways.

Ed Freeman ... A Real American Hero



submitted by Gary Boldt

You're an 18 or 19 year old kid. You're critically wounded, and dying in the jungle in the La Drang Valley, 11-14-1965, LZ Xray, Vietnam. Your Infantry Unit is outnumbered 8 - 1, and the enemy fire is so intense, from 100 or 200 yards away, that your own Infantry Commander has ordered the Medi-Vac helicopters to stop coming in.

You're lying there, listening to the enemy machine guns, and you know you're not getting out. Your family is 1/2 way around the world, 12,000 miles away, and you'll never see them again. As the world starts to fade in and out, you know this is the day.

Then, over the machine gun noise, you faintly hear that sound of a helicopter, and you look up to see a Huey, but it doesn't seem real, because no Medi-Vac markings are on it.

Ed Freeman is coming for you. He's not Medi-Vac, so it's not his job, but he's flying his Huey down into the machine gun fire, after the Medi-Vacs were ordered not to come.

He's coming anyway.

And he drops it in, and sits there in the machine gun fire, as they load 2 or 3 of you on board.

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And, he kept coming back ... 13 more times ... and took about 30 of you and your buddies out, who would never have gotten out.

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The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. "You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."



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submitted by Roger Zurn

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'.

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden' and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...) The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%!

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$ 16,400

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter was Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are our only mobile National Monuments.

Each King in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:
Spades - King David
Hearts - Charlemagne
Clubs - Alexander, the Great
Diamonds - Julius Caesar

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111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987, 654,321

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in air, the person died because of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?
A. Their birthplace

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?
A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?
A. One thousand.

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?
A. All were invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?
A. Honey

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?
A. Father's Day

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase ...'Goodnight , sleep tight'

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers

got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down.' It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

Don't skip over this just because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it ...

"I cduolt blveiee taht I cluod aulaclyt uesd-natnrd waht I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the hmuan mnid Aoccdnrig to rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mittaer in waht oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoatnt tihnng is taht the first and last ltteer be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can still raed it wouthit a porbelm. This is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Amzanig huh?"

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2009 when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen

8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.

10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.

11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)

12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.

13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to show this message.

14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.

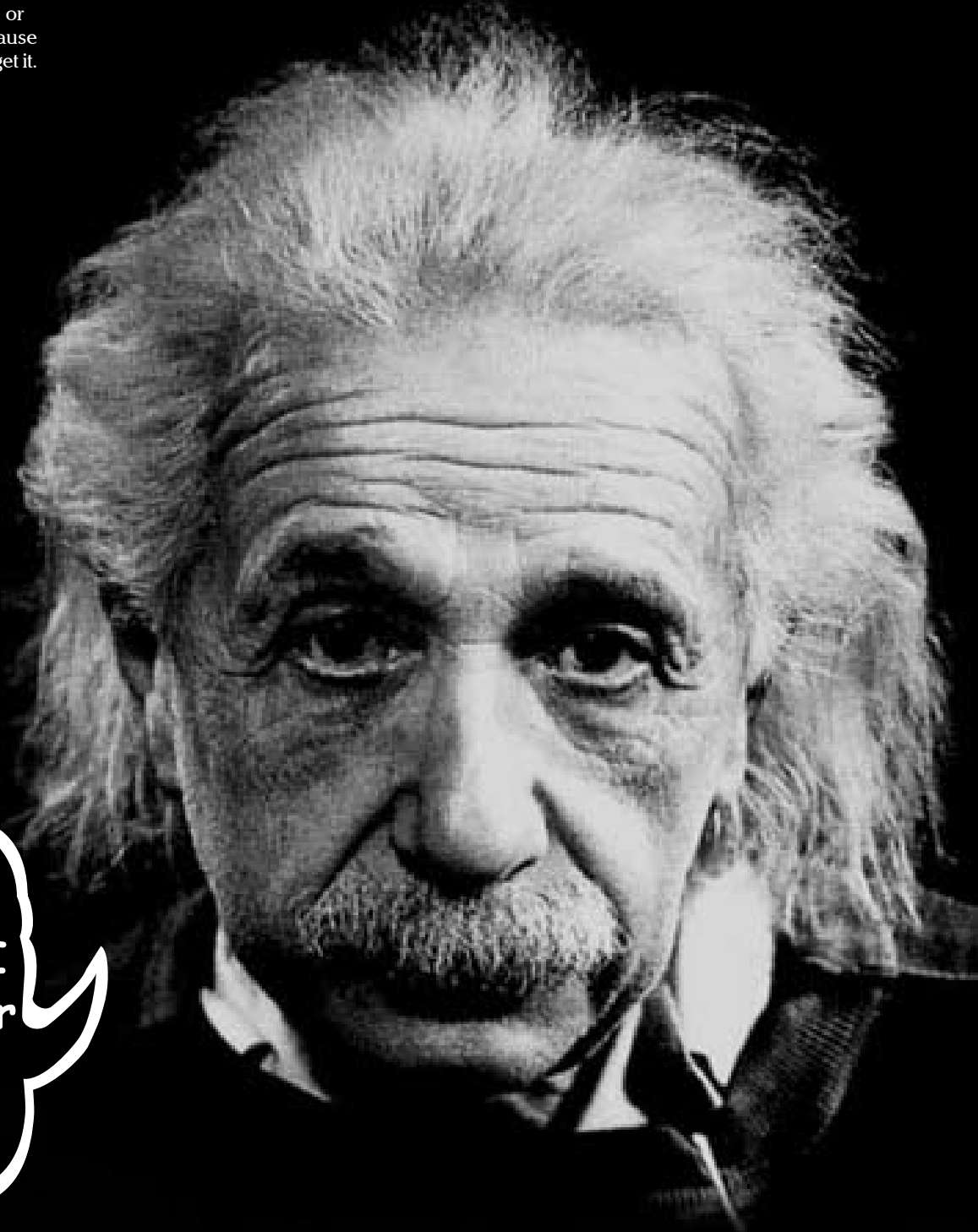
15. You actually did look back to check that there wasn't a #9 on this list.

AND FINALLY NOW U R LAUGHING AT YOURSELF!

You know you want to! So
"Go lick your elbow".



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EYC forms Charitable Foundation

by F/C Dave Heitzenrater

The EYC Board of Directors has approved the formation of the Erie Yacht Club Foundation, Inc. as a nonprofit Pennsylvania Corporation organized under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, without limitation, the establishment, promotion and operation of activities which further the understanding and knowledge of sailing, boating and the use of watercraft of all types.

You may be aware that we have had a number of personal donors who have graciously gifted funds to our programs in past years without the opportunity to legally receive a tax benefit. Upon governmental approval, the Foundation will satisfy this void that will obviously benefit both the generous donor and any of our current or future boating programs.

Gifts are obviously welcomed and may be unrestricted or designated for a specific activity or event within the Foundation purposes. Contributions may be designated for instant or

subsequent use or for the establishment of an endowment as determined by the donor. Non financial gifts are subject to approval and acceptance by the Foundation Trustees.

The Foundation is an independent entity with its own corporate mission, Articles of Incorporation and By-laws. It is managed by seven trustees, at least four of which must be current or past EYC Board members that are all appointed by the incumbent EYC Board of Directors. We thank the initial Board of Trustees who stepped forward to serve: Chair, James McBrier; Vice Chair, Julie Arthurs; Secretary: Karen Imig; Treasurer, Holly O'Hare; Trustee, Dennis Markley; Trustee, P/C Roy Strausbaugh; Trustee, John Dunn.

The establishment of the Foundation began in January as a committee including the now elected Trustees plus Brad Enterline, P/C David Arthurs and myself who had a number of face to face meetings and numerous on-line discussions. In the end we believe that the goal is worthwhile and the Foundation can become a valuable tool for the future of our boating programs. After some thoughtful consideration, the proposal to establish the foundation was presented to the EYC Board and after addressing numerous issues and concerns, the proposal was unanimously approved by the Board ... "Congratulations are in order to all". For further information go to erieycfoundation.org.



New ADA Ramp at Lighthouse

by F/C Dave Heitzenrater

The EYC Officers and Board approved the construction of an ADA ramp at our lighthouse pavilion at the April 20th meeting after recommendation by the grounds committee. Construction bids were requested and reviewed. The final design which brings the facility with-



This is the first day of EYC volunteers building the ADA Ramp at the Lighthouse with (L to R) Frank Chiz, Bill Coleman, Ron Addressi, Matt Niemic and Steve Giewont hard at it.



Frank Chiz acts as the post holder and plumber while Matt Niemic digs the holes, mixes concrete and keeps a close eye on Frank!

in current ADA building code requirements is very helpful to our members in need as well as employees servicing the lighthouse deck. The plans drawn by Board member, Matt Nemec were approved by the Erie City zoning/planning office.

Additional good news is that our Racing Fleet group volunteered to construct the ramp. The volunteers were supervised by the contractor Matt Nemec which ensured professional construction. The racing fleet's labor reduced the cost of the project substantially to allow the EYC capital budget funds to be used elsewhere.

The construction which used long lasting low maintenance materials moved along quickly with many hands helping. The proj-

EYC Trivia "D&E Dock"

by P/C John Murosky, Basin Project

Q: How many wheelbarrows of concrete did it take to pour D/E docks? A: 1,427..... or 47 yards!

Q: When added up, how many feet and miles did the contractors travel during the concrete pour? A: 37,024 feet or 7.1212 miles!

Q: How many linear feet of lumber was installed on D/E docks? A: 8,440..... over 1 1/2 miles!

Q: How many square feet of plastic membrane did it take to underlay the concrete? A: 8,640..... nearly enough to put floors in four average houses!

Q: How many floats were used on the new D/E docks? A: 552.... each float can support 1,875 of weight.... 1,035,000 lbs or 517 tons!

Q: How many fasteners did it take to assemble the docks? A: Over 10,000!

Q: How many linear feet of piling material was used for D/E docks? A: 1,440 feet!

Q: What is the total weight of the new D/E docks? A: 344,100 lbs..... or 172.05 tons!

Q: How many volunteer hours were used on the new D/E docks? A: Approximately 2,500!

Q: What did the volunteers save the EYC in construction costs at an average billable rate of \$60.00 per hour? A: Over \$150,000.00!



Volunteers Dave Forsman, Bill Coleman and Ron Addressi build the first turn's footer.

ect was successfully completed and will serve for years to come thanks to Matt Nemec, the Board of Directors and the Racing Fleet volunteers.



On day two, P/C Ron Busse asks questions while workers Ron Addressi and Dan Dundon pretty much ignore him and get the work done.





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July Calendar of Club Events

- 2nd Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Tex Mex Nite • 6pm - 9pm
Music by Uncharted Course
- 4th Firecracker 4th of July
Music by Raven Band
- 5th Family Picnic
All activities begin at 3pm
Buffet begins at 4pm
Adults \$11.95 • Kids 6-12, \$6.50
children 5 and under Free!
- 9th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Lake Erie Classic Car Club
6pm - 9pm Music by Night Cruisers
- 10th Dock Party L,M,N & O
- 12th Sunday Lighthouse Happy Hour
6pm - 9pm • Music by Ron Yarosz
& the Vehicle
- 13th Frolic on the Bay Charity Event
9:30 - 2pm with children arriving
at 10am
- 16th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Bike Night at the EYC • 6pm - 9pm
Music by Matt Kramers G3
- 23rd Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Burger & Brew Night • 6pm - 9pm
Music by Sam Hymen Band
- 24th Dock Party A, B, C, D, E, & F
- 26th Sunday Lighthouse Happy Hour
6pm - 9pm
Music by Matt Kramers G3
- 30th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Hawaiian Shirt Night • 6pm - 9pm
Music by Key West Express

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August Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Dover Saturday Band
Entertainment by Sam Hymen Band
- 2nd Sunday Lighthouse Happy Hour
6pm - 9pm • Music by Boyd Baker
& Bongo Bob
- 6th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Corvette Club Night
6pm - 9pm Entertainment by Sunny
Jim White
- 9th Sunday Lighthouse Happy Hour
6pm - 9pm • Music by Matt
Kramer's G3
- 11th Junior Sailing Banquet
- 13th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Beaner Run Hot Rod Car Club Night
6pm - 9pm Music by Acoustic Gypsies
- 20th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Harley Davidson Owners Club Night
6pm - 9pm Music by Matt Kramer's G3
- 23rd Sunday Lighthouse Happy Hour
6pm - 9pm • Music by Endless
Summer
- 27th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Brat & Brew Night
6pm - 9pm Music by Rob & Suzi
- 30th American Red Cross Regatta
Caribbean Theme
Music by Key West Express



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...“Who’s Who?”

submitted by Peg Way



Katie Couric, Charlie Gibson, Brian Williams and a tough old U.S. Marine Sergeant were captured by terrorists in Iraq .

The leader of the Iraqi terrorists told them he'd grant each of them one last request before they were beheaded and dragged naked through the streets.

Katie Couric said, “Well, I’m a Southerner, so I’d like one last plate of fried chicken.” The leader nodded to an underling who left and returned with the chicken. Couric ate it all and said, “Now I can die content.”

Charlie Gibson said, “I live in New York, so I’d like to hear the song The Moon and Me’ one last time..” The terrorist’s leader nodded to another terrorist who had studied the Western world and knew the music. He returned with some rag-tag musicians and played the song. Gibson was satisfied.

Brian Williams said, “I’m a reporter to the end. I want to take out my tape recorder and describe the scene here and what’s about to happen. Maybe, someday, someone will hear it and know that I was on the job till the end.” The leader directed an aide to hand over the tape recorder and Williams dictated his comments. He then said, “Now I can die happy.”

The leader turned and said, “And now, Mr. US Marine, what is your final wish?”

“Kick me in the ass,” said the Marine.

“What?” asked the Islamic terrorist, “Will you mock us in your last hour?”

“No, I’m NOT kidding. I want you to kick me in the ass,” insisted the Marine.

So the terrorist shoved him into the yard and kicked him in the ass. The Marine went sprawling, but rolled to his knees, pulled a 9 mm pistol from inside his cammies and shot the leader dead. In the resulting confusion, he emptied his sidearm on six terrorists, with his knife he slashed the throat of one with an AK-47, which he took, and sprayed the rest of the terrorists killing another 11!

In a flash, all of them were either dead or fleeing for their lives.

As the Marine was untying Couric, Gibson and Williams, they asked him, “Why didn’t you just shoot them all in the first place? Why did you ask him to kick you in the ass?”

“What!?!” replied the Marine, “and have you three ‘a-holes’ report that I was the aggressor?”



RETIREMENT PLANNING FOR Summer 2009

submitted by Robert Way, Jr.



When investing in Beer, remember, it's cheaper by the Truck load!

If you had purchased \$1000.00 of Nortel stock a few years ago, it would now be worth ... Nortel filed bankruptcy on 1/14/09.

With Enron, you would have “zilch” left of your original \$1000.00.

With WorldCom, you would have had less than “squat” left from your grand.

If you had purchased \$1000 of Delta Air Lines I'm glad you're not my stock broker.

So invest Properly! Invest in Beer!

If you purchased \$1,000.00 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for the aluminum recycling at Lincoln Metal:

REFUND, You would have had \$214.00*.

Based on the above, the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.

It's called the 401-Keg Plan... and You" Love It!

(* All prices will and have varied depending on number of Government screw-ups employed in “saving” us all! Oh well, remember with the Government involved it won't be a slow and painful death they are destroying us rather quickly.)



TOP TEN INDICATORS YOU HAVE A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE PLAN:

submitted by Bob Becker



(10) Your annual breast exam is done at Hooters.

(9) Directions to your doctor's office include “Take a left when you enter the trailer park.”

(8) The tongue depressors taste faintly of Fudgesicles.

(7) The only proctologist in the plan is “Gus” from Roto-Rooter.

(6) The only item listed under Preventive Care Coverage is “an apple a day...”

(5) Your primary care physician is wearing the pants you gave to Goodwill last month.

(4) The patient is responsible for 200% of out-of-network charges, is not a typographical error.

(3) The only expense covered 100% is “embalming.”

(2) Your Prozac comes in different colors with little M's on them.

AND THE NUMBER ONE SIGN YOU'VE IN A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE PLAN:

(1) You ask for Viagra and they give you a Popsicle stick and Duct Tape.



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