

ZIP PITY DOO DAH!

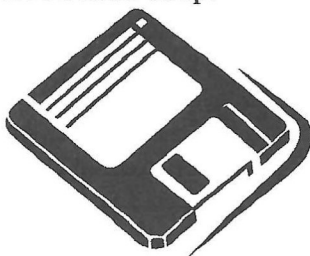
by Jerry Lerman

Do you have the hard disk blues, like I've had them? You know, where your collection of PC programs has taken up so much space that you can't load those new software products you got over the holidays? If so, there may be a cure available: the "ZIP drive."

I-OMEGA's \$199 ZIP drive is, essentially, a 100-megabyte external floppy drive. It plugs into the parallel port of the PC, usually used for the printer. (The printer then plugs into the ZIP drive's remaining connector, in a daisy-chain fashion.) The machine comes with one floppy disk, containing software needed to maximize the drive's speed and utility. Additional floppies run about \$20 each.

The drive functions just like any other drive you can write on. It may be a bit slower than a regular hard drive - I haven't tried to test this - but it definitely works reasonably well as a launching site for programs or as a data file storer. Its best use, without a doubt, is as a tool for speedier disk backups.

I purchased my ZIP drive last month at COMPUSA in Tanforan, at a price of \$229, and got immediate use from it. When Eve spotted a Good Guys ad showing its availability from them for only \$199, we trekked back up to Tanforan and received a \$30 credit, because of COMPUSA's price guarantee. While we had enjoyed the ZIP disk even at the higher price, our pleasure with it was ever more heightened by Eve's little coup!



Life's Little Mysteries

by Jerry Lerman

Readers are invited to contribute their observations for future columns on this topic

Why is it that ...

The hair care supplies in my home consist of 1 bottle of Head&Shoulders for me, but 13 containers of shampoo, conditioners, rinses, and other exotic substances for my wife?

If you forget something as you depart on your long-distance car trip, the realization of the omission only comes after you're so many miles along on your trip that you'd never consider doubling back to gather it up?

The accumulation of junk mail, school bulletins, and out-of-date newspapers and magazines on a kitchen table is not inversely proportional to the volume of other household alcoves which are overrun with the same kind of stuff?

They call those things TWO-car garages, when everyone knows what their real capacities are?

The best option for dealing with ants, spiders, and other bug infestation problems these days is to undergo hypnosis to learn to tolerate them?

Wives get blamed when husbands have big piles of junk in the house?

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Solution to Last Month's Quiz

PLAYING WITH A FULL DEC?

1. DECLARE
2. UNDECIDED
3. INDELICATE
4. DEVIANCE (or DEVIANCY)
5. UNDERCLASS
6. DECATUR
7. INDEPENDENCE DAY
8. DEMOCRACY
9. DRENCHING
10. CALDECOTT

Gentle Reminder:

HAVE YOU MAILED YOUR CARDS?

Did I Visit The Twilight Zone??

On a business trip to Boston last month, I dined one evening alone at a restaurant counter. A man in his seventies entered for his dinner and took the seat next to mine. We introduced ourselves and I learned that he was a native Bostonian, who had been a maintenance man in apartment houses owned by his family. During an extended conversation, he also told me about his famous half-brother, who ran a New England textile firm called Malden Mills, manufacturer of a popular new fabric, PolarTec. I also asked him about whether he worked on things like boilers - and he said, "No, none of that heavy stuff. Just doors, drains, and so on."

The next week, after my return, I learned that the Malden Mills factory had burned to the ground the day following the discussion I'd had with the owner's half

brother. The fire had been caused by a boiler explosion!! (The story has been highly publicized because the owner has fully paid all the factory workers throughout the disruption.)

THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

TV TRIVIA

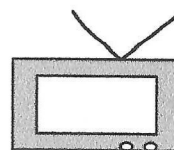
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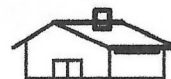
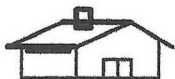
Performers

1. Robert Young
2. James Arness
3. John Astin
4. Dan Blocker
5. Barbara Billingsley
6. Bonnie Franklin
7. Martin Mull
8. Louise Lasser
9. Jerry Van Dyke
10. Pernell Roberts
11. Ted Knight
12. Joe E. Ross
13. Richard Deacon
14. Bud Collier
15. Jamie Farr

Shows

- A. Bonanza
- B. M*A*S*H
- C. Trapper John, M.D.
- D. The Dick Van Dyke Show
- E. My Mother, The Car
- F. Car 54 Where Are You?
- G. The Mary Tyler Moore Show
- H. Father Knows Best
- I. Gunsmoke
- J. Leave It To Beaver
- K. Beat The Clock
- L. I'm Dickens, He's Fenster
- M. One Day At A Time
- N. Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman
- O. Fernwood Tonite





TALKING TRASH

by Lori Andersen

Back in the 50's we were taught the 3-Rs: Readin', Ritin', and 'Rithmetic. In the 70's we started becoming aware of our environment when rivers burned because of chemical pollution, marine life died from oil spills, and the destruction of rain forests and ozone layers were brought to our attention.

Now in the 90's we must take a more active role in another 3-Rs: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE. With everything we buy, we should ask: Do we need it? Can we reduce the packaging? Can we use it again? Can we recycle what we no longer need?

There used to be a beautiful valley near Half Moon Bay that is now a dump site, rapidly filling up with our modern garbage that is not biodegradable. It will be there centuries from now as a hideous legacy of a wasteful society. Everything we throw out can be recycled somehow. We, as responsible members of society, need to develop recycling beyond our modest curbside efforts.

Excerpts from "Shop Smart" - pamphlet from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (phone: 1-800-553-2962):

Do more by choosing less: choose **waste friendly** products (*large size cereal boxes, pudding in boxes, fresh cut vegetables, gallon-containers of liquids, condensed soups*) over **excess packaging** (*shrink-wrapped snack packs of drinks, pudding in plastic cups, shrink-wrapped vegetables, six-pack plastic containers, soup in microwavable containers*).

Paper or plastic? This is a trick question. Instead of using paper or plastic, **bring your own reusable cloth shopping bag**. If you buy just one or two items, try going without.

KOLLENE'S KITCHEN

by Kollene Hays (304)

Here are a few fun and easy recipes for Valentine's Day or anytime. Also, I've included some hints and shortcuts in baking.

Chocolate Candy Cookies

1 box Pillsbury® Chocolate Fudge Cake Mix
2 eggs
1/3 cup oil
(topping after baking: Hershey® Kisses)

Mix all ingredients together by hand. Roll in 1-inch balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 9-11 minutes. Top will crack. Remove from oven and immediately top with chocolate candy piece, pushing gently. Cool. This recipe can make 30-60 cookies, depending on the size of the ball you roll.

Hint: Instead of using Hershey® Kisses, I found UFO Mint Chocolate Wafer candy at Trader Joe's; about 80 pieces for \$1.49.

This next recipe is one of my girls' favorite snacks. Instead of orange slices, you have jello slices:

Jello-Filled Orange Peels

1 pkg. Jello (red for Valentine's Day - any flavor)
6 oranges (cut in half, and emptied)

Prepare Jello as directed, with a ladle. Spoon warm Jello into the orange peel halves. Carefully place in refrigerator until firm. Cut peels in 1/2 or 1/3 pieces and serve as a colorful, yummy snack.

Hints: (a) Only lasts 1-2 days in refrigerator; then peels become soggy. (b) I make fresh-squeezed orange juice with the orange halves so I don't waste any of the orange. Then I remove the remaining pulp and discard it, until I have dry orange peel halves.

As a mother of four beautiful daughters, I find that my time is not my own. With carpooling, changing diapers, baths, doing hair, etc., any shortcuts in cooking or baking I can use are greatly appreciated and sought after. Here are a few of my favorites.

Fresh cookies anytime! I find I have time to prepare the dough, but not to bake them. First I mix together my favorite cookie dough. Then, drop from a teaspoon onto a cookie sheet very close together, until I fill the sheet. I place the sheet in the freezer for about 1-2 hours (or until the cookie dough is frozen). I then place all the dough balls in a freezer Ziploc bag and keep it in the freezer. When I'm ready to have a batch of cookies, I get a dozen dough balls out, place them on an ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 375° for 11-13 minutes. The cookie dough balls keep for 4-6 weeks in the freezer.

Going Bananas? I place my very ripe bananas in the freezer until I'm ready to bake banana bread. I thaw them out on the counter for 40 minutes, and then they are ready for making sweet banana bread.

A Better Buttermilk. When a recipe calls for 1 cup buttermilk, as a substitute I place 1 tbsp vinegar or lemon juice in a 1-cup measuring cup, add enough milk to make 1 cup, let stand 5 minutes, and then it's ready to use in the recipe.

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Solution to Last Month's Quiz

TV TRIVIA

1. H (Young, Father)
2. I (Arness, Gunsmoke)
3. L (Astin, I'm Dickens)
4. A (Blocker-Bonanza)
5. J (Billingsley, Beaver)
6. M (Franklin, One Day)
7. O (Mull, Fernwood)
8. N (Lasser, Mary Hartman)
9. E (Van Dyke, My Mother)
10. C (Roberts, Trapper John)
11. G (Knight, Mary Tyler Moore)
12. F (Ross, Car 54)
13. D (Deacon, Dick Van Dyke)
14. K (Collier, Beat the Clock)
15. B (Farr, M*A*S*H)

THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

Mixed Up Lovers

No, these figures from history and fiction are not crazy - they've just learned to alphabetize their names. Can you unscramble them?

- A. AAACNOSV
- B. ADDEEMNOS & EHLLOOT
- C. EMOOR & EIJLTU
- D. AACELOPRT & ANNOTY
- E. AENNORX & ACNORY
- F. ABGORT & AABCLL
- G. BNRSU & AELLN
- H. EEHIJNOPS & AELNNOOP
- I. BINOR DHOO & ADIM AAMINR
- J. BEINNO & CDELY
- K. EEGGOR & AAHMRT
- L. EHRTT & ACELRSTT





WHAT'S WITH THOSE FAST-TALKING SALESPeOPLE!

by Jerry Lerman

Do you have the same reaction I do when listening to radio advertising these days, one of total bewilderment? What on earth is the logic to having spots for loans, car leases, etc., end with ten to fifteen seconds of completely incomprehensible summaries of all the reasons why the deal is nowhere good as it is made out to be in the preceding 15-45 seconds? I suspect the government is behind this. In its infinite wisdom, by stipulating in its "Fair Lending" provisions that all loan terms must be made explicit, our legislators have created a ready-made job for anyone with the ability to move his/her mouth faster than the most skilled harmonicist.

Advertisers are obviously paying no more than "lip service" to the intent of this lending law, and they're getting away with it. What with the joke clearly being on our government, one might think that we ought to do something about this. At the very least, we might ask our legislators to recite the following immediately after passing an exciting new law (preferably compressed into a fifteen second spot, hastily and expressionlessly spoken):

"This law will probably turn out to be totally unenforceable, unworkable, or otherwise unfit for national consumption. Penalties for failure to comply may exceed, fall short of, or bear no resemblance whatever to those stipulated within. Obtain advice of good counsel, at exorbitant rates, before attempting to deal in matters affected herein. Advice of the Supreme Being (of your choice) may also be in order. This law is sole property of the U.S. Government, and any attempt to reproduce or otherwise increase its constituencies is strictly inhibited. This law will not self destruct in ten seconds; it will only expire well after its usefulness has ceased."

GOODBYE GEORGE

From "The Most of George Burns", Galahad Books, New York, 1991:

(George and Gracie go into a dance)

George: Stop! (*music stops*) Gracie, how is your cousin?

Gracie: You mean the one who died?

George: Yeah.

Gracie: Oh, he's fine now.

George: Music! (*music starts, dance continues*)
Stop! (*music stops*) Gracie, how's your Uncle Harvey?

Gracie: Oh, last night he fell down the stairs with a bottle of scotch and never spilled a drop.

George: Really?

Gracie: Yeah, he kept his mouth closed.

...

Gracie: My sister Bessie had a brand new-baby.

George: Boy or girl?

Gracie: I don't know, and I can't wait to get home to find out if I'm an aunt or an uncle.

...

George: A funny thing happened to my mother in Cleveland.

Gracie: I thought you were born in Buffalo.

* * * * *

Gracie: When I cook roast beef I always put two roasts in the oven, a big one and a little one.

George: Gracie, why do you put two roasts in the oven?

Gracie: When the little roast burns, the big one is done.

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Solution to Last Month's Quiz

Mixed Up Lovers

- A. CASANOVA
- B. DESDEMONA & OTHELLO
- C. ROMEO & JULIET
- D. CLEOPATRA & ANTONY
- E. ROXANNE & CYRANO
- F. BOGART & BACALL
- G. BURNS & ALLEN
- H. JOSEPHINE & NAPOLEON
- I. ROBIN HOOD & MAID
MARIAN
- J. BONNIE & CLYDE
- K. GEORGE & MARTHA
- L. RHETT & SCARLETT

THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

March HAIRS

Supply the answers to fill each blank;
then transfer the circled letters to one
of the corresponding numbered entries
to figure out this month's message.

1. _ _ _ _ 00 0 _ HAIRS

Finding differences where there are
virtually none to be found

2. HAIR - 00 _ _ _ _ _ Frightening

3. H A _ I _ _ R _ _ 00

Song sung by flower-selling religious
sect at airports (ca. 1970-1980s)

4. _ 0 _ 0 H A I R

Seat for a dining infant

5. 0 H _ _ 00 _ _

0 _ _ 0 _ _ _ _ AIR
Lyric from our National Anthem

6. 00 _ H A I R

an impractical intellectual

7. H A I R 0 _ 0 _ 0 _

barber or stylist of coiffures

8. HAIR- 0 _ _ _ _ 0

immediately responsive to the slightest
stimulus

9. _ _ H A 0 I 0 R

the manner of conducting oneself

10. 000 _ H A _ 0 I _ R

more recklessly adventurous

Message of Primary Importance:

7 9 6 1 10 5 2 4 7 8 5 10

5 2 8 4 3 6 5 1 3 1 10

9 10 5 7 !

Unpaid Advertisement

Sega Genesis For Sale

Includes 2 controllers & 8 games:

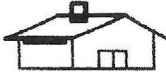
(X-Men, Sonic -2, Sonic -3, Street Fighter II,
Clue, Spider-Man/X-Men, Bart's Nightmare,
Streets of Rage-2)

\$150 including all games

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The Real Tragedy of Jessica - Asking TOO MUCH of Children

by Jerry Lerman

It was an extraordinarily sad day that brought Jessica Dubroff's life to its premature close. Indeed, it was tragic that the girl's father, instructor, and she plummeted to their deaths in the midst of what now was clearly an ill-conceived quest to cross the country.

The dictionary defines "tragedy" in several ways, but the first listing is one that is most often associated with the word: *"a serious drama typically describing a conflict between the protagonist and a superior force (as destiny) and having a sorrowful or disastrous conclusion that excites pity or terror."* Moreover, there is an entry for the term "tragic flaw" that adds further insight into the events in Cheyenne: *"the flaw in character that brings about the downfall of the hero in a tragedy."*

While there is evidence that the plane's crew was struggling against superior forces - bad weather, thinner air, and overweight baggage - it was a *tragic flaw* that foremost contributed to Jessica's demise. The Dubroffs seemed to trust in their children to handle life as if they were adults. *(Other, more invidious flaws of character - a desire for publicity and profit - may also have been behind their undertaking the venture, but let us give them the benefit of the doubt.)* Their confidence that their seven-year old could handle a continent-crossing journey might have been based on seeing her succeed so well in short-distance flights and extrapolating from there.

How did it come to be important for Jessica to learn to fly at her young age? One hopes it was through her own volition, a childhood dream. But, even if that is so, how should a parent decide which of a child's dreams should be realized in childhood, and which should rightly take their seats in some distant future? If a parent is even

thinking about such a question, would he or she not postpone a dream as perilous (and costly!) as pilotage till later years? While there may be a need in show business for youngsters to fill ingenue and younger parts, the nation is not in desperate need for underage pilots. Placing one's child in harm's way for the sake of an early start in life bespeaks a mind with serious misconceptions about child-rearing.

It is our nation's good fortune, perhaps, that more parents aren't asking the impossible of their children. Indeed, the opposite - asking too little of them - may well be the case.

Kids who are left to live their childhoods with no regards to the goings-on of adult life - no watching of the news or reading the paper, no asking about Mom's or Dad's jobs, or the reasons why teachers are out on strike - such kids are not being well served by their parents, either.

Parents must bring some appreciation of adult life into their children's consciousnesses, but just the right amount to allow their children's youthful exuberance to remain unencumbered by fears and excess baggage.

Children need their flights *of fancy*. May Jessica's tale serve to remind us of that, and what limits we should place on them.

Some Fun from the "COMPLETE PUN BOOK"
by Art. Moger

In 1958 two men invented the radial tire.
Everyone said they made a nice spare.

When a cookie factory in Louisville burned down,
everyone had free fire crackers.

Then there was the sanitation worker who got
fired because he couldn't keep his mind in the
gutter.

Solution to Last Month's Quiz March HAIRS

1. SPLITTING HAIRS
2. HAIR- RAISING
3. HARI KRISHNA
4. HIGH CHAIR
5. THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR
6. LONG HAIR
7. HAIR DRESSER
8. HAIR- TRIGGER
9. BEHAVIOR
10. FOOLHARDIER

Message of Primary Importance:
**DON'T FORGET TO MARCH
OUT AND VOTE!**

THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

APRIL "HATE"

Pat Boone probably didn't mean he adored the IRS when he sang this tune. Try filling in the blanks and transferring the circled letters to one of the corresponding spaces in the mystery message!

1. TAX \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc = pertaining to the orderly classification of living things

2. \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc TACKS = bulletin-board fasteners

3. \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc TACKS = mounds found on farms

4. TAX \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc = paved strips at airports

5. "m" is FOR \bigcirc
M \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc
 \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc me = lyric from song about MOTHER

6. FORM \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc = general facts or rules expressed in mathematical symbols

7. "DUE" \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc
_____ \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc
beyond our control ... "
= television announcer's usual reason for why you're experiencing difficulties

Mystery Message:

5 2 7 3 4 4 2 5
7 3 1 5 4 6 5 7 5
1 6 1 5 1 6 2
7 1 6 3 7 5 !

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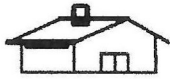
Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code. Forms 1040-T reference are to a new form sent to certain taxpayers on a test basis.

Line 11—Passive Activities

Your passive activity gains and losses must be refigured for the AMT by taking into account all adjustments, preferences, and any AMT prior year unallowed losses that apply to that activity. You may wish to file a second Form 662, Passive



Department
Internal Revenue Service



Is Foster City Heaven?

by Jerry Lerman

This spring in Foster has been something to behold for the Lerman family - so I thought I'd share with my neighbors just a couple reasons why I might be tempted to mistake our home town for paradise.

Little League: Foster City's organized little league baseball has got to be one of the best around. The fields are great, the coaching is thoughtful and not win-at-all costs, and the young players are given encouragement, training, and enjoyment. The season has gone off so far with nary a hitch, and our son, Jacob, has been having a ball!

Bowditch Middle School: A real gem, from where we stand to ogle. Our daughter, Beth, is being put through the paces of the school's tough academic orientation, and, by God, she is learning what it takes to learn! What more can one ask of a school? Not only that, but the school's recent production of *Fiddler on the Roof* was yet another in a long-running series of near-professional presentations put on by the school's 6th through 8th graders.

(Editor's note: your personal views of our fair city are most welcome!)

EX-INHIBITIONS

by Doggerel King

Someone knows better,
That's always the case:
the further you travel
you're left out in space.
The constellate forces
will keep you adrift;
implosive black holes
May well trigger a shift

The English Language and its Confusion

by Anonymous (via the Internet)

English is the most widely used language in the history of our planet. One in every seven human beings can speak it. More than half of the world's books and three-quarters of international mail are in English. Of all languages, English has the largest vocabulary - perhaps as many as TWO MILLION words - and one of the noblest bodies of literature.

Nonetheless, let's face it: English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, neither pine nor apple in pineapple and no ham in a hamburger. English muffins weren't invented in England or french fries in France. Sweetmeats are candy, while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But when we explore its paradoxes, we find that:

quicksand is slow,
boxing rings are square,
public bathrooms have no baths and
a guinea pig is neither a pig nor from

Guinea.

And why is it that:

a writer writes, but fingers don't fing,
grocers don't groce,
humdingers don't hum and
hammers don't ham? (cont. on p. 2)

O to take your perceptions
And run a full tilt -
Without feeling tormented
Or wracked with guilt!
Just grasp at the star dust
That orbits about you
Lest the universe choose
To go on without you.

Solution to Last Month's Quiz

APRIL "HATE"

1. TAXONOMIC
2. THUMBTRACKS
3. HAYSTACKS
4. TAXIWAYS
5. M IS FOR THE MANY THINGS
SHE GAVE ME
6. FORMULAS
7. DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES
BEYOND OUR CONTROLS

Mystery Message:

**GUESS WHY THIS ISSUE
CAME OUT SO LATE!**

THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

THE LINE-UP

*(from George J. Summers' Mind
Teasers & Mind Puzzlers)*

Four men - Abraham, Barrett,
Clinton, and Douglas - are
standing in a line-up.

(1) Only one man is fair,
handsome, and unscarred.

(2) Two men who are not fair are
each standing next to Abraham.

(3) Barrett is the only man
standing next to exactly one
handsome man.

(4) Clinton is the only man not
standing next to exactly one
scarred man.

**QUESTION: WHO IS FAIR,
HANDSOME AND UNSCARRED?**

The English Language (continued from page 1)

And if the plural of tooth is teeth,
shouldn't the plural of booth be beeth?
One goose, two geese - so one moose,
two meese? One index, two
indices - one Kleenex, two Kleenices?

Doesn't it seem loopy that you can make
amends but not just one amend, that you
comb through the annals of history but
not just one anal? If you have a bunch
of odds and ends and you get rid of all
but one, what do you call it?

If the teacher taught, why isn't it true that
the preacher praught? If a horsehair mat
is made from the hair of horses and a
camel's-hair coat from the hair of
camels, from what is a mohair coat
made? If a vegetarian eats vegetables,
what does a humanitarian eat? If you
wrote a letter, perhaps you also bote
your tongue?

Sometimes I wonder if all English
speakers should be committed to an
asylum for the verbally insane. In what
other language do people
drive on a parkway and park in a
driveway? Recite at a play and play at a
recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by
ship? Have noses that
run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance
be the same, while a wise man and a
wise guy are opposites? How can
OVERLOOK and OVERSEE be
opposites, while QUITE A LOT and
QUITE A FEW are alike? How can the
weather be hot as hell one day and cold
as hell the next?

Did you ever notice that we talk about certain things only when they are absent? Have you ever seen a horseful carriage or a strapful gown, met a sung hero or experienced requited love? Have you ever run into someone who was combobulated, gruntled, ruly or peccable?

And where are the people who ARE spring chickens or who actually WOULD hurt a fly? I meet individuals who CAN cut the mustard and whom I WOULD touch with a ten-foot pole, but I cannot talk about them in English.

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which your alarm clock goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which, of course, isn't really a race at all). That is why, when stars are out they are visible, but when the lights are out they are invisible. Any why, when I wind up my watch I start it, but when I wind up this essay I end it.

Oh, and as a last thought, if CON and PRO are opposites, is Congress the opposite of Progress ?

BOWFIN GRADUATES

Bowfin Street alumni are receiving their diplomas and degrees next month. Notables include:

Brian Parker (329), son of Ken and Kristi, graduating from U.C. San Diego.

His immediate plans include travelling to England and working there a few months while taking in the life and culture of a place quite different than Southern California!

Wendy Andersen, daughter of Lori and Steve Andersen (376), will be graduating from Aragon High School. She'll be attending UC Riverside.

(I believe others also are graduating - but I'm not quite certain - so please get your graduation news in for next month's issue!)

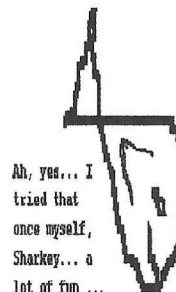
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BO - BY LERMAN



Hi Sharkey -
what'll you
be up to this
summer?

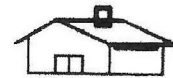
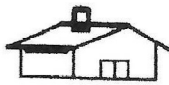
I think I'm going to
take up tennis.
I've always wanted to find
true "love".



Ah, yes... I
tried that
once myself,
Sharkey... a
lot of fun ...



Until I won once, tried to jump
over the net,
and nearly ended up as
somebody's sushi!



Smoke Gets In Their Eyes -- Youths Get in Their "Nays"

Bowfiners in the News

In a recent Foster City Progress, two Bowfin Street youths were asked their opinions about a proposed amendment to the city's smoking control ordinance that would, among other things, ban vending machine sales of cigarettes. The purpose of the change is to reduce the availability of cigarettes to those younger than 18 years. The newspaper article reports that 90% of smokers begin at ages below 19, and vending machines are a primary source for them. The amendment is seen by many to be at least one thing we can do to reduce the chances that those habits will get their start in Foster City.

When asked his thoughts, **Asa Downs** (320) replied, "The ordinance is a good idea but kids can get them (cigarettes) in other ways if they really want them. They can get them from friends or from their parents if their parents smoke."

Also surveyed was **Wendy Andersen** (376), who said, "I think it would definitely help prevent kids from getting cigarettes so easily, but I'm sure if they really want them, they're going to find ways."

(Editor's note: Lest anyone confuse the Bowfin Inquirer with a genuine "newspaper," we at BI don't know whether or not the proposal was passed at the July 1st meeting of the city council, or we'd have reported the result, too! Anyone care to let us know the outcome? Our family just got cable TV installed - with channel 22, the Foster City channel - last week!)



Noise Day

by Shel Silverstein
(from his book "Falling Up")

Let's have one day for girls and boyse
When you can make the grandest noises.
Screech, scream, holler, and yell --
Buzz a buzzer, clang a bell,
Sneeze -- hiccup -- whistle -- shout,
Laugh until your lungs wear out,
Toot a whistle, kick a can,
Bang a spoon against a pan,
Sing, yodel, bellow, hum,
Blow a horn, beat a drum,
Rattle a window, slam a door,
Scrape a rake across the floor,
Use a drill, drive a nail,
Turn the hose on the garbage pail,
Shout Yahoo -- Hurrah -- Hooray,
Turn up the music all the way,
Try and bounce your bowling ball,
Ride a skateboard up the wall,
Chomp your food with a smack and a slurp,
Chew -- chomp -- hiccup -- burp.
One day a year do *all* of these,
The rest of the days -- be *quiet* please.

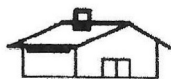
Solution to Last Month's Quiz

MEAN STREET

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Is Metro Center Really a "DOWNTOWN"?

by Jerry Lerman

The August 16th edition of the San Francisco Chronicle ran an article which I found quite enjoyable about Foster City. It focused on what it called the development of a "downtown" area in Foster City, our new Metro Center. Several residents reportedly agreed with the notion that it is a downtown: you can get just about anything in Metro Center that any other Peninsula business district has to offer.

Prior to the development of Metro Center these past few years, however, Foster City clearly was a "town" without a "down." Its neighborhood shopping centers were designed to serve the limited day-to-day needs of Foster City citizenry, but none of them stood to become a single-site shopping locale. Metro Center, which now includes a Noah's Bagels, Starbucks, Price-Costco, and Orchard Supply Hardware, to name but a few of its outlets, does qualify as a small, concentrated shopping area where a broad set of shopping needs can be addressed.

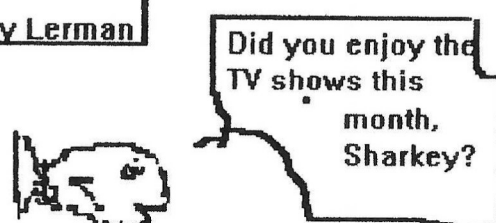
Personally, however, I believe there's a big gap between Metro Center and more traditional downtowns, such as Redwood City's or San Mateo's. One difference is that foot transportation hardly suffices to get around Metro Center; one cannot walk readily from Orchard Supply to Longs. Instead, shoppers must drive from site to site. San Mateo's downtown covers at least as much acreage, but the area is more inviting to shoppers who wish to walk between the stores.

There's also contrast in the "feels" of the places: Metro Center generates no sense of a "hub," as one finds in traditional downtowns, at least not yet. Could Petula Clark ever have had Metro Center in mind when she sang "Downtown"? No, I know downtown; it's been a good friend of mine; and Metro Center is no downtown.

Medical Terminology for the Layman

ARTERY /The study of fine painting
BARIUM /What you do when the patient dies
CESAREAN SECTION /A district in Rome.
DILATE /To live long.
G.I. SERIES /Baseball game between soldiers
HANGNAIL /Coat hook.
MEDICAL STAFF /A doctor's cane.
MORBID /A higher offer.
OUT PATIENT /A person who has fainted.
VARICOSE VEINS /Veins very close together.

BO - by Lerman



No, not all of them. I guess
you can say my tastes
are
UN-CONVENTIONAL!



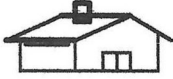
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This Month's Quiz

METRO Letter

How many 6-letter words can you construct using the letters in METRO plus one more letter?
(You have a REMOTE chance of finding all the other eleven; not all are common words.)



Welcome New Neighbors!

by Jerry Lerman (344)

This summer brought quite a few new residents to Bowfin Street. Most, I'm sure, were not expecting to find that a block newspaper is being published here - hopefully for the benefit of the whole block. So, I thought I'd take a moment this month to trace the history of this fairly well-developed "institution," the B.I.

The paper was born in October, 1993. A new set of neighbors triggered this "brainchild" a month earlier when they walked the block inviting others of us to join them at their homes for a welcoming get-together. This event was the first neighborhood "news" item I had come upon in my seven years on Bowfin - and awakened me to the possibility that a newspaper for our block might be a workable idea.

This idea was not a new one for me. As a child, growing up in the 60's in Rockford, Illinois, I had put together a block newspaper during my summer vacation between seventh and eighth grades. At that time, with no such thing as a computer, the efforts were mighty and writers-cramping: carefully written articles, in the best of my recently-learned "draftsman" print, on the subject of who was going to start high school, what the neighborhood kids were doing over the summer, and which weekend our annual neighborhood "fish fry" would be held. I charged a hefty 5-cents a copy, managed to get out two issues before the summer concluded, and netted maybe a full dollar for the 15+ hours of effort.

Now let's go back to the present, where it has been my aim to get neighbors to contribute articles about their families, events, recipes, jokes, emergency preparedness information, travel ideas, shopping bargains, opinions, and the like. Basically, a newspaper of "good news" - but if bad news needs to be shared, that's welcome also.

I've added my two-cents worth to this package - including cartoons, "terrible" puns (although I like them!), monthly puzzles, contests, and opinion pieces. The past two years we held block parties as an outgrowth of the paper. I believe my efforts have been rewarded - despite the fact that I netted more money with my youthful Rockford venture than I have here. (Publishing this paper costs less than \$10 a month, so I do not plan to charge for it.)

Those families who would like to contribute to making this paper a continuing success can do so by occasionally providing material that others might be interested in reading. Family biographies and photos (I can scan pictures into the computer) would be a great way to get introduced to the neighbors. Thoughts on the political process, the role of the schools, the crazy speed limits in Foster City, or the reasons you like or don't like this area are all fit for print in this august journal.

So, please take part in making this neighborhood the kind that you (and your kids) will be proud to be residents of. The better you are, the better we'll look. The deadline for next issue will be October 13th. See the box below for how to get your materials to us. THANKS!

BOWFIN INQUIRER HOME PAGE

We've set up a very limited - but likely to improve as our INTERNET skills increase - WEB site for the Bowfin Inquirer. You can find us at:

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Solution to Last Month's Quiz

METRO Letter

The six letter words you can make from METRO plus one other letter are:

EMOTER, MENTOR, MERLOT, METEOR, METROS, MOLTER, MOOTER, MOTHER, REMOTE, TERMOR, TREMOR, and TROMPE

Some Nutty Humor

(courtesy of Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion broadcast, 9/22/96)

A doctor in a small town had a thriving practice, and after a hard day's work he needed a little something to calm him down. He made a practice of visiting his neighborhood saloon, where the bartender, Dick, would prepare for him his favorite drink, an almond daiquiri. Like clockwork, he would show up at the bar at 5:30, and Dick would have his drink prepared for him.

This Month's Quiz

Fall-en Civilizations

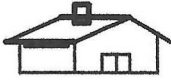
Can you match these Cities with the Ancient Civilizations to which they belonged? (The 1996 Information Please Almanac - published by Houghton Mifflin - was the source for this little quiz.)

<u>City</u>	<u>Civilization</u>
1. Tyre	A. Roman
2. Memphis	B. Minoan
3. Persepolis	C. Phoenician
4. Ur	D. Lydian
5. Knossos	E. Greek
6. Ninevah	F. Sumerian
7. Gordion	G. Assyrian
8. Byzantium	H. Egyptian
9. Corinth	I. Persian
10. Sardis	J. Phrygian

One day, Dick found he was out of almonds, so he skinned a hickory nut and used it for the doctor's drink. When he showed up and tasted it, he noticed it wasn't quite right. It wasn't bad, but not what he was expecting.

"Is this an almond daiquiri, Dick?" the M.D. finally asked.

"No, it's a hickory daiquiri, Doc!"



Bowfin's Own "Coach" Dr. Harmon Brown (345)

by Jerry Lerman (344)

When neighbor, Harmon Brown, called me to offer an "exclusive" on his visit to the Atlanta Olympics, I jumped at the chance. Not a "long jump" - he lives just across the street from me- but it did erase that hurdle I often encounter of getting items to fill these pages! What I learned was a lot more than whether it was hot there (it was, but not as bad as expected).

Dr. Brown is a member of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, and he went to Atlanta on official business - to deal with medical emergencies. He was part of a medical volunteer team which stood on the sidelines during the track and field competitions, trying to spot incipient problems: athletes running into trouble. His duties kept him from viewing much of anything else. Even the competitions he was monitoring were a bit hard to view as an entertainment; he was there to do a job.

There was a lot to do. "Athletes in track and field can't play injured, as can be done in other sports," explained the doctor, implying the criticality of his mission. Recognizing an injury early can make a real difference to both an athlete and his/her team. On the following page is a photograph showing the mob scene of injured athletes following Atlanta's Marathon competition. A second photograph in Dr. Brown's collection shows the same treatment room an hour later - nearly a ghost town, the result of quick, effective application of medical know-how.

No newcomer to the sports scene, Dr. Brown has been coaching as a hobby for forty years, from volunteering at SF State right on up to coaching the US Track and Field Team at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. Only recently a rule was created prohibiting doctors from performing as

coaches, or he might still be volunteering his services in that capacity.

His acquaintances include Carl Lewis, whom he's known for years. His thoughts about Mr. Lewis' quest to make the relay team this year were based more upon knowledge than hype. Brown spoke of the ambiguity that had always marred the relay team selection process, and how a dropped baton in the Cleveland National Championships prompted setting up strict guidelines, so that the best runners could be selected and trained for the special tasks (such as baton passing at high speeds) vital to successful relay running. Carl's finishing dead last in the qualifying competition should have silenced any claim for his eligibility, but Brown said the media pushed the story, because it wanted to create controversy.

The bomb explosion at Olympic Village didn't waken the good doctor, resting comfortably a few blocks away in his hotel. The tightening of security in its aftermath had people a bit angry, but didn't really put a damper on the spirit of the crowd. Although every person then had to pass through metal detectors, which had to be set up in the parking lots to handle the 100,000 or more heading for the stadium, the visitors took the inconvenience in good grace.

A track-and-field coach, a collector of posters from all the Olympic competitions since 1970, the author of one book on sports medicine and another in the works, Harmon Brown is clearly a champion in his own rights! *(Thank you for sharing your story with your neighbors!)*

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BO - by Lerman

You always seem like a fish who knows where he's going, Sharky. How come you're so confident?

Elementary, my dear Bo. I keep up on "current" events!

10-95

Solution to Last Month's Quiz

Fall-en Civilizations

1. Tyre - C. Phoenician
2. Memphis - H. Egyptian
3. Persepolis - I. Persian
4. Ur - F. Sumerian
5. Knossos - B. Minoan
6. Ninevah - G. Assyrian
7. Gordion - J. Phrygian
8. Byzantium - A. Roman
9. Corinth - E. Greek
10. Sardis - D. Lydian

This Month's Quiz

THIS SPACE FOR SALE

Is there no shelter from the commercialism that now seems even to have taken hold of our beloved Halloween holiday? See if you can find yet another example by solving this puzzle - fill in the blanks and transfer those letters into the mystery (?) message below.

1. Gaiety: F E S T _ _ _ _
2. Parasitic takeover: _ _ F E S T _ _ _ _
3. Memorial collection of writings (capitalized, and from German): F E S T _ _ _ _ _ _
4. Highest in authority (unusual superlative): _ _ _ _ F E S T
5. Management of growing timber: F _ _ F E S T _ _
6. Throwing a person through a window: _ _ F E _ _ S T _ _ _ _
7. Line after "catch a tiger by the toe": _ F _ E _ _ _ S _ _ T _ _
8. Ending lyric of "Row, Row, Row ...": _ F E _ S _ _ T _ _ _
9. Prediction: F _ _ E _ _ S T

Mystery Message:

1 6 5 1 2 1 9 6 4 6 7 8 3 2 5
 SALE. CALL CHERYL.
 3 2 7 4 3 6 7 8 4 3 7 3 5 7

W. H. A. S. C. H. R. F.
 CHERYL
 L. L. E. M. E. C.

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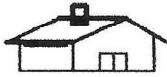
Recovery room in Atlanta after the Marathon.



(Photo on bottom)

A new listing on 313 Bowfin Street. Beautiful Dean contemporary - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Library, Family Room. Magnificent wide-water view. If neighbors or friends wish to view home, please call Cheryl Feldman, 342-9070, Coldwell Banker.





Food For Thought

contributed by the Andersens (376)

Editor's Note: BI's local correspondents, Steve and Lori Andersen, check in with this contribution from their daughter, Wendy, now attending UC Riverside:

If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

Can you be a closet claustrophobic?

If the funeral procession is at night, do folks drive with their lights off?

If a stealth bomber crashes in a forest, will it make a sound?

When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?

If the cops arrest a mime, do they tell her she has the right to remain silent?

(I think it should say: If the police arrest a mime, do they have the right to remain motionless?)

Why is the word abbreviation so long?

What's another word for thesaurus?

When companies ship styrofoam, what do they pack it in?

What do you do when you discover an endangered animal that eats only endangered plants?

Do hungry crows have ravenous appetites?

Chinese Art and Antiquities In a Stunning Display

by Peg Culver (333)

It was a dark and dreary Saturday in November when Hank and I took one of our excellent adventures in the CITY. We were in search of culture. So our path led straight through the morning traffic to see the Splendors of Imperial China Exhibit at the Asian Art Museum. We were not alone; many others of all ages had flocked to view them.

These treasures are well-traveled as they have been refugees of the struggles which took place in China starting in the early 1930's. Their original home was in Beijing, but they now permanently reside in the National Palace Museum, Taipei. That they survived the many moves, and the packing and unpacking is amazing and fortunate.

Two giant portraits of different emperors greet your entrance. One of the portraits is the "poster emperor" for the exhibit. A surprise to us was the prominent place calligraphy had as an art form in early China, expressions on paper of reality, emotion, and imagination.

Fellow Californians viewing the exhibit were *actually* reading two thousand year-old portfolios as these "characters" are those used today. Some of these readers disagreed with the information on the placards for the exhibit. Porcelains glazed and crazed in beautiful tones with exquisitely shaped forms are among the 100 pieces remaining in existence.

Twenty-foot segments of longer scrolls dancing with figures in a royal procession to the mausoleum of ancestors gave insight into the activities of the day, the dress, the horses, and the weaponry. I found the intricate carvings the most interesting; various horns (including rhino).

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The Saucy Sixties Club Gets Bigger!

Peg and Hank Culver (333) Join the Ranks

Editor's Note: Our Triple-three Bowfin residents received some special recognition from their children on the recent occasion of their becoming sexagenarians: a surprise party was held for them at their daughter, Cathy's, home in San Jose.

*For age is opportunity no less than youth itself.
- H. W. Longfellow*

*Peg and Hank
of life they drank
for decades six in number*

*Careers they built
Lived life to the hilt
Nary a day did slumber*

*Now energized
And fully wise
Ready for many adventures*

*May all the best
Bring them fun and rest
And a spirited life (without dentures!)*

**Jerry (searching for a rhyme)
and
Eve (having quite a time)
Lerman**



Chinese Exhibit *continued from page 1 ...*

wood, and jade were used.

One of Hank's favorites was a magic box which holds little treasures in special hidden compartments. We also said hello to the three gibbons whom you'll find at the exhibit. There is even an Italian painter of the Renaissance School who has his painting on the wall as he became a member of the Royal Art Studio; the stylistic difference is startling.

Even though we had attended a docent lecture, we rented headsets and found them to be a good \$3 investment. But the best part was just discovering the strange fascinating objects of the culture.

(The Asian Art Museum is in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Admission to the museum is \$6 per person, and \$3.50 additional for the Splendors exhibit, which closes December 8th. There are parking ticket machines in the adjacent parking lots. They take one dollar bills and give change for fives. A 3-hour ticket should do it. Cars were being ticketed! We recommend this as a great way to spend a morning or afternoon.)



Turkey - by Jacob Lerman (Age 9)

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Facts From The Internet ...

... believe them or not!

pilfered from postings by Jerry Lerman (344)

* The two longest one-syllable words in the English language are "screeched" and "strengths."

* The longest word in the Oxford English Dictionary is "floccinaucinihilipilification," which means "the act of estimating as worthless."

* The abbreviation for pound, "lb.," comes from the astrological sign Libra, meaning balance, and symbolized by scales.

* February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

* Montpelier, Vermont is the only U.S. state capital without a McDonalds.

* The Chinese ideogram for 'trouble' symbolizes 'two women living under one roof'.

* Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them use to burn their houses down - hence the expression "to get fired."

* Maine is the only state that borders on only one state.

* The term "the whole 9 yards" came from WWII fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards."

* The average ear of corn has eight-hundred kernels arranged in sixteen rows.

Solution to Last Month's Quiz

THIS SPACE FOR SALE

1. FESTIVITY
2. INFESTATION
3. FESTSCHRIFT
4. CHIEFEST
5. FORESTRY
- 6..DEFENESTRATION
7. IF HE HOLLERS LET HIM GO
8. LIFE IS BUT A DREAM
9. FORECAST

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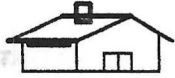
VERY NICE HOME FOR SALE. CALL
CHERYL.

This Month's Quiz

EVERYDAY TIMES = EVERYDAY ITEMS

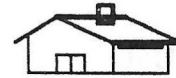
Each of the following "daffy-nitions" describes an everyday item or expression, but a bit mixed up. See if you can unscramble them. (To get you started, for the first three, only the punned word is scrambled.)

1. Irregularly congealed dessert item: LMPU PUDDING
2. Soothing soup : ACLM CHOWDER
3. Cellophane growth on trees : AEPT MOSS
4. Illuminating vegetation : ALMP EERST
5. Legumes which correspond : AILM ABENS
6. Quickly elevating skin opening : JMPU EOPR
7. Inexpensive crusty dessert : ACEHP EIP
8. Exhibition of impostors : AEFKR HOSW
9. Stringy container : BEFIR ACES
10. Something in Dracula's pantry : EFHLS & BDLOO



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Suppose Edgar Alan Poe Used a Computer ...

Once upon a midnight dreary, fingers cramped and vision
bleary,
System manuals piled high and wasted paper on the floor,
Longing for the warmth of bedsheets,
Still I sat there, doing spreadsheets:
Having reached the bottom line,
I took a floppy from the drawer.
Typing with a steady hand, I then invoked the SAVE
command
and waited for the disk to store,
Only this and nothing more.

Deep into the monitor peering, long I sat there wond'ring,
fearing,
Doubting, while the disk kept churning, turning yet to
churn some more.
"Save!" I said, "You cursed mother! Save my data from
before!"
One thing did the phosphors answer, only this and
nothing more,
Just, "Abort, Retry, Ignore?"

Was this some occult illusion? Some maniacal intrusion?
These were choices undesired, ones I'd never faced before.
Carefully, I weighed the choices as the disk made impish
noises.
The cursor flashed, insistent, waiting, baiting me to type
some more.
Clearly I must press a key, choosing one and nothing
more,
From "Choose Abort, Retry, Ignore?"

With my fingers pale and trembling
Slowly toward the keyboard bending,
Longing for a happy ending, hoping all would be restored,
Praying for some guarantee
Timidly I pressed a key.
But on the screen there still persisted words appearing as
before.
Ghastly grim they blinked and taunted, haunted, as my
patience wore,
Saying
"Abort, Retry, Ignore?"

I tried to catch the chips off-guard --
I pressed again, but twice as hard.
I pleaded with the cursed machine: I begged and cried and
then I swore.
Now in desperation, trying random combinations,
Still there came the incantation, just as senseless as
before.

Cursor blinking, angrily winking, blinking nonsense as
before.

Reading, "Abort, Retry, Ignore?"

There I sat, distraught, exhausted by my own machine
accosted

Getting up I turned away and paced across the office
floor.

And then I saw dreadful sight: a lightning bolt cut through
the night.

A gasp of horror overtook me, shook me to my core.

The lightning zapped my previous data, lost and gone
forevermore.

Not even, "Abort, Retry, Ignore?"

To this day I do not know

The place to which lost data goes.

What demonic nether world is wrought where data will be
stored,

Beyond the reach of mortal souls, beyond the ether, into
black holes?

But sure as there's C, Pascal, Lotus, Ashton-Tate and
more,

You will one day be left to wander, lost on some
Plutonian shore,

Pleading, "Abort, Retry, Ignore?"

- Author Unknown

Quotable quotes...

(from Cheryl Cadieux, our Michigan
correspondent)

People with TACT have less to retract

*Often the best thing about not saying anything is that it
can't be repeated...*

Only a fool tests the depth of the water with both feet..

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2. CALM (clam) CHOWDER
3. TAPE (peat) MOSS
4. LAMP (palm) TREES
5. MAIL (lima) BEANS
6. JUMP PORE (rope)
7. CHEAP (peach) PIE
8. FAKER (freak) SHOW
9. FIBER (brief) CASE
10. SHELF (flesh) & BLOOD

FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACES

By Jerry Lerman (344)

Announcing an opportunity to share your favorite inside information with your neighbors. Have you had any particularly good experiences at restaurants or stores, or dealing with particular firms or tradespeople? Why not spread the word, to make these firms even more successful, and brighten the lives of those around you?

Speaking of brightening, we thought we'd start out this column by mentioning how much we've enjoyed shopping at Carlos Lighting, 1156 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos (591-2054). Over the past 10 years, we've frequented the store in search of lighting fixtures, gift items, and wall hangings. Much of their merchandise comes from the Orient and is very attractive and distinctive. The owners, always helpful and friendly, seem to get and offer

to their customers (what seem to us to be) very good prices. They're also very handy at lamp repair, at modest cost.



This Month's Quiz

S-T Mates

The following words contain either an S or a T. By switching the S to a T, or vice versa, and rearranging the letters, you'll arrive at a word used in measurement or estimation. A score of 10 makes you, well, somewhere around excellent, and a score of 6 makes you no slouch.

1. NOS =
2. SNIP =
3. SLOB = (answer is a fabric measure)
4. RILES =
5. MERES (meaning: ponds) =
6. DOCENT =
7. LANCES = (answer is a British weight unit)
8. PRACT =
9. SQUARER =
10. FISHMEAL =