



NORTH & SOUTH
Hagerstown High Schools
Class of 1957
Online Newsletter



October 2013 Edition
Bulletin Board

❖ **Important Dates:**

- October 31st – Halloween
- November 10th – Marine Corps 238th Birthday
- November 11th – Veterans Day
- November 27th – Hanukkah Begins
- November 28th – Thanksgiving
- December 25th – Christmas

October Birthdays

Darlene Burgan



Frank Reel



Bob Nitzell



Paul Bohn



Darlene McCleary



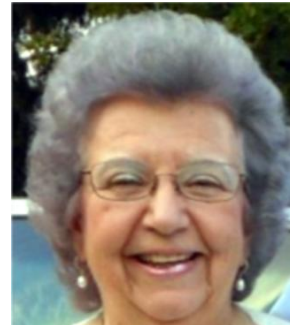
Donna Bush



Carole Sue Ambrose



Rose Marie Nigh



Terry Cunningham



Barbara Grogan



October Anniversaries

Frank & Peggy Papa



Jack & Audrey Coffelt



Jerry & Pam Hess



Class Activities

Jerry Hess

Pam and I will be celebrating our 50th anniversary on October 19th. We have planned a cruise with our adult sons, P. David, of Rock Hill, SC and his wife Stephanie; and Jonathan, Cumberland, Md., and his fiancée. Aboard the Celebrity Reflection in November, we embark on a seven-day tour of the Eastern Caribbean.

Jerry Norris

Jerry is a member of the Disciples in Action school support mission at the First Christian Church in Hagerstown. His daughter Robin Byers is the Co-Chair. The team won the Governor's Service Award in 2011. Below are links to the details if you would like to help the team and a short PPT/Video. *Editor's Comment: Jerry, you make us proud!*

[Click here for detailed info.](#)

[Click here for short video.](#)

Ron Amos

Below is a picture of the folks attending Ron Amos' annual "Westenders" picnic.



2013 Class Picnic

What a great time at the annual picnic. Those of you who stayed home and sat on your butt missed a lot of fun & fellowship. Thanks again to Gary Stenger for the hand carved wooden boot door prize that Sybil Speck won. Is Gary a talented devil or what? Click on Lee & Phyllis for more pics of the picnic.



And last but not least, for all you guys who failed to show up, you missed a great visit with the Redskin Cheerleader!! Too bad, when you snooze you lose!



Guess Who!



The unidentified girl in the June "Guess Who" section has been identified. It is Ora Weaver. (Thanks to Judy Vickers Shaw)

Education Section

Early aircraft's throttles had a ball on the end of it, in order to go full throttle the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel. Hence "balls to the wall" for going very fast. And now you know the rest of the story.

During WWII, U.S. airplanes were armed with belts of bullets which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measure 27 feet and contained hundreds of rounds of bullets. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, "I gave them the whole nine yards," meaning they used up all of their ammunition.

Did you know the saying "God willing and the creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig'. Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board.'

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began

to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt. Therefore, the expression 'losing face.'

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced' wore a tightly tied lace.

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades.' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck.'

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

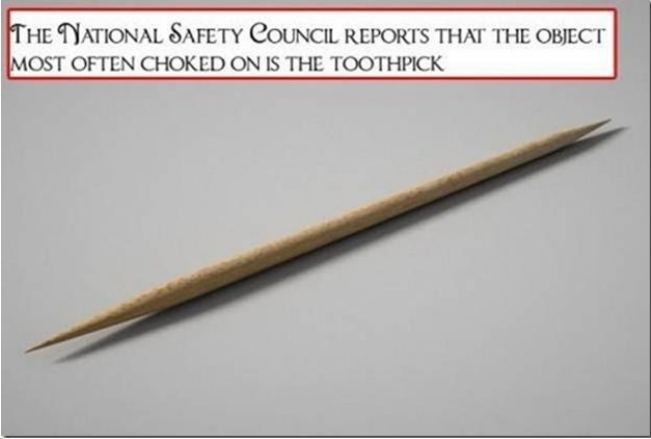
At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the phrase 'minding your 'P's and Q's'.

One more: bet you didn't know this! In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)

Editor's Comment: Now that you know the above, don't you feel better?



DOLPHINS HAVE BIGGER BRAINS THAN HUMANS



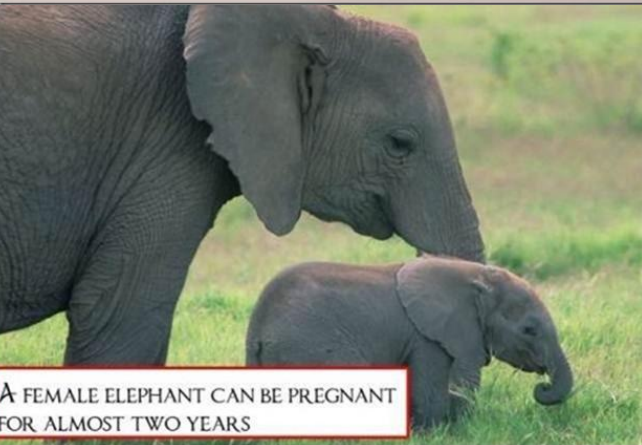
THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL REPORTS THAT THE OBJECT MOST OFTEN CHOKED ON IS THE TOOTHPICK



ON AVERAGE, THE LIFE SPAN OF AN AMERICAN DOLLAR BILL IS EIGHTEEN MONTHS



FEMALE ARMADILLOS HAVE EXACTLY FOUR BABIES AT A TIME AND THEY ARE ALWAYS THE SAME SEX



A FEMALE ELEPHANT CAN BE PREGNANT FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS



LEONARDO DA VINCI COULD DRAW WITH ONE HAND AND WRITE WITH THE OTHER, AT THE SAME TIME



PING PONG IS THE NATIONAL SPORT OF CHINA



THE BRIDE WEARS RED IN CHINA



ANCIENT EGYPTIANS SHAVED OFF THEIR EYEBROWS TO MOURN THE DEATH OF THEIR CATS

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW PORTRAITS OF LIVING PERSONS ON POSTAGE STAMPS



RATS CAN'T VOMIT



AN ARMADILLO CAN BE HOUSEBROKEN



GLASS GETS STRONGER THE LONGER IT IS UNDERWATER, THE ONLY KNOWN SUBSTANCE TO DO SO



IF YOU HAVE AT LEAST 5/8 OF A TORN DOLLAR BILL, IT CAN BE REDEEMED FOR FULL VALUE



BECAUSE OF A REFLEX ACTION, A RATTLESNAKE CAN BITE YOU UP TO AN HOUR AFTER IT'S DEAD

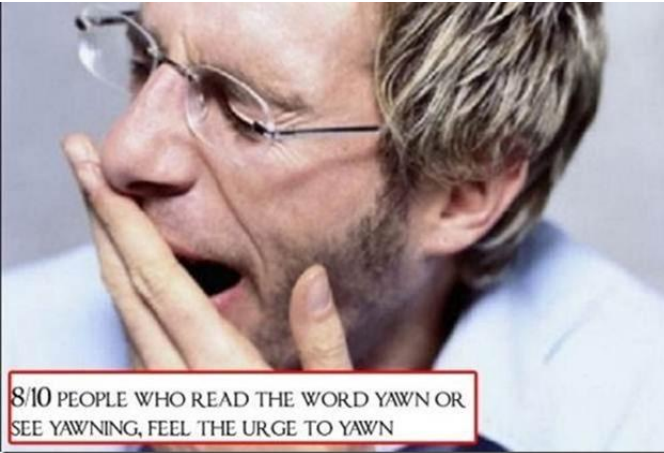


THERE ARE 2,598,960 POSSIBLE HANDS IN A FIVE-CARD POKER GAME

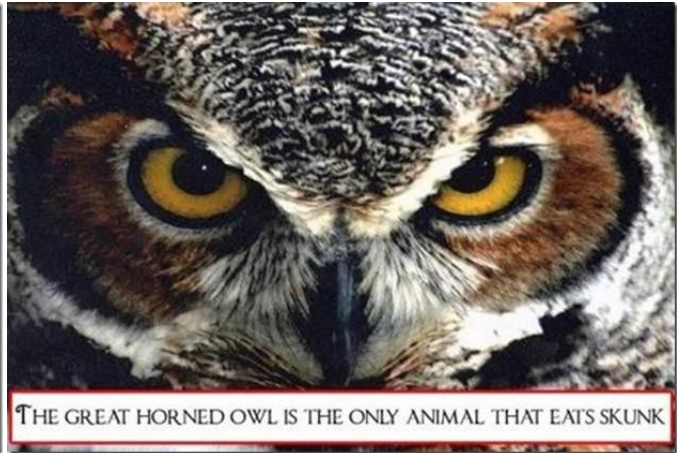
TELEPHONE POLES IN UGANDA AND KENYA ARE MUCH HIGHER TO ALLOW FOR THE HEIGHT OF GIRAFFES



THE AVERAGE HUMAN SHEDS 40 POUNDS OF SKIN IN A LIFETIME



8/10 PEOPLE WHO READ THE WORD YAWN OR SEE YAWNING, FEEL THE URGE TO YAWN



THE GREAT HORNED OWL IS THE ONLY ANIMAL THAT EATS SKUNK



A PIGEON'S FEATHERS WEIGH MORE THAN ITS BONES



A SNAIL TAKES 115 DAYS TO TRAVEL A MILE



CATS CAN'T TASTE SWEET THINGS



SPIDERS HAVE TRANSPARENT BLOOD

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WAS
TIME MAGAZINE'S
MAN OF THE YEAR
FOR 1938



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