

"Alone our voice is small. — Stand together and we will be heard." Barbara Bowen, NAM
"Many voices make a platform on which all of us can stand" - Murna Lindsey, NAM

Fighting the 'Campground Mafia'

We continue to get complaints about the 'campground mafia' demanding money from people for the remainder of their lives and the lives of their children; even after those people had canceled their membership and notified the campground that they would not use the facilities.

Such a demand is absurd!

Continued abuse of former campground members by companies like (but not limited to) Timber Lodge has resulted in several more complaints in the past few weeks.

We typically forward these to US attorney's offices expecting that the weight of so many detailed complaints will result in action against these scam artists.

What will We Do Next?

Our internet search for complaints about Timber lodge, Jim Jerde, and his other activities revealed hundreds of complaints on several different web sites.

Our next project is to contact these web sites and invite them to join our efforts to identify and supply information to appropriate prosecuting agencies

*Merry
Christmas*

and HAPPY NEW YEAR

From your friends here at NAM.

We pray that you will have a happy and healthy new year too.

*Barbara Frank Murna
George Lois Jackie
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Nila*

Please pray with me this holiday season, that I have the courage and ability to help those in need.

Pray that each day I find new ways to make this world a better place, to help those around me find peace, happiness, security, and strength.

Pray that God will help me understand that I am not alone in my joy, in my sorrow, nor especially in times of need; that all things happen in God's time and for His purpose.

Please pray this for me
- I need your prayers.

It is my prayer for you..

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THINGS THAT TOOK ME OVER 50 YEARS TO LEARN:

from an article by Dave Barry,
Nationally Syndicated Columnist

- Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
- People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.
- You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests that you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
- The one thing that unites all human beings regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.
- Your friends love you anyway.
- Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.
- Thought for the day:
Men are like fine wine . . . They start out as grapes, and it's up to the women to stomp the crap out of them until they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with.

About Aging:

- Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
- You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.
- Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
- First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper. It's worse when you forget to pull it down.
- Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft... Today, it's called golf.
- Lord, Keep Your arm around my shoulder, and, Your hand over my mouth!

CHRISTMAS-CUSTOMS

A look at Christmas time customs... and where they originated ...by UPI:

Busy with last-minute Christmas shopping, you may not realize that Christmas gifts are a comparatively recent custom in the United States.

In the early days of the nation, gifts were exchanged on New Year's Day - not Christmas.

December 25th was a special day of worship...a religious holiday and nothing else.

But around the mid-1800s, gift-giving at Christmas became popular. It's been growing ever since, until today...well, just look at the crowds in the stores across the country. Millions of people are loaded down with Christmas packages for other people. So Christmas giving certainly is here to stay.

Christmas cards didn't appear in the United States until the early 1900s. The first American card manufacturer was a German named Louis Prang of Roxbury, Massachusetts. And there's irony to this fact.

It seems Massachusetts is the only state in the nation which once outlawed Christmas. Actually, Massachusetts wasn't a state but rather a British colony at the time. It abolished Christmas observance for 22 years...from 1659 to 1681. Anyone who didn't show up for work on Christmas Day was fined five shillings. Massachusetts didn't make Christmas a legal holiday until 1885.

Then there's the mistletoe tradition. What's now a yuletide license for kissing used to be crushed and fermented into an intoxicating liquor by pagan tribes. The Norsemen regarded mistletoe as a sacred berry with great powers of healing.

The custom of hanging Christmas stockings originated in Holland, where the children used their shoes to collect gifts. The wooden shoes were parked by the fireplace to be filled by their patron saint...St. Nicholas.

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Make a Difference - Really!

Don't be like 'Marley in the Ghost of Christmas Past'? Make this world better TODAY. Don't miss the smallest opportunity to make our part of the world a better place. To put smiles where they might not otherwise be; to tell a young parent how glad we are to see them display patience with a screaming child; to tell the young lady at the grocery store checkout how very pretty her smile is - you get the idea.

Some of us are destined to make grand changes in the world. Some to change our world one smile at a time.

I Wasn't Wise Until...

AFTER I Became a Grandpa

Here are some important tidbits I learned from grandchildren:

- If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee..
- The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.
- Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.
- Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.
- Polar bears are left-handed. (If they switch, they'll live longer)

THE OLDER CROWD

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation.

As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. 'Yes, Dad, what is it? '

'Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife....'

RVer's Prayer

God Bless our traveling home
And guide us everywhere we roam.

Help us to find the roads we seek
And please don't let the plumbing leak.

Save us Lord from engine trouble
And mechanics who charge double.
As we cross the U.S.A.

Bless us with sunshine everyday.

Oh Lord who watches over all
Please make gas prices fall.

Lead us toward good food and friends
And when at last our journey ends,

Grant our rolling home sweet rest
Until its' next endurance test.

(Author Unknown)

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