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1-Dec-12 10:09am Home

MRT the Book

There seems to be no real interest in the book version of Marty's Random Thoughts. Even though it cost me no money to create the annual book version of my newsletter it takes me a lot of my time. Since I have not sold one since I made the annual book editions available, I will only be combining them without trying to do anything but come binding them together.

It cost less doing a book than the ink and paper to print it on my printer. It is just that I have spent too much time on it in the past trying to put table of content and indexes.

I think I will start working on last years now and see how long it will take.

New Web Address

E.W Training has a new website. It has a new design that needs to be seen. Check it out at <http://EWTrainingWoodstock.com>

Marty's Random Thoughts 2.0 the blog is running again and is located at <http://MartysRandomThoughts.com/blog/>

Pilgrimage Creations web address is different than what I had on the backer page too. Check it out at <http://PilgrimageCreations.com>

MRT Blog is Alive

I fixed "Marty's Random Thoughts 2.0" the blog. I thought I have changed the link that was pointing to the "It's Broking" page. This morning I noticed I did not. In any case it is fixed now.

I will be posting things on my blog and slowly going away from this format. It makes take months or even years but it will happen someday.

If you want to be notified when I post something new or when someone comments on a post it is easy to set it up. I may have told you before but I do it again anyway. Oh for you who have set it up before you need to do it again because I

blew out all of the connections when it broke and I had had to recreate MRT Blog.

Just open up the Blog and scroll down the right sidebar and look for the "RSS" feed links for Entries and Comments. Click on one or both and answer the questions. It depends which browser or email client you use how it is setup for you. So just read the questions and make your best guess. It isn't too hard.

Once setup you will have a subscription to "Marty's Random Thoughts 2.0" the blog. You will see in your INBOX that there is something new.

1-Dec-12 5:32am *\$

Yes I'm at Starbucks again. When I come up here at 5:30 in the morning I get away from home. At home it is too quite to get thing done. I can come up here and do some work or read a book. For some reason when I am home things just don't happen. Maybe it is because when I was a child I was a part of group of seven of us. And being the middle child there is noise hitting you from both ends of the family.

Now that I am all grown up you would think it would be different. Well some things in your childhood sticks with you your whole life. I watch a training film when I was working at the Auto-Lite. Its title was "You are what you are because of when you were." The whole idea was that most people don't change much after the age twelve. Thing do make major changes but they are triggered by our emotions. Things like you first get married, first child, un-inspected death in the family, and etc cause changes to many people's personality to change. But for the most part people done change.

After watching this training movie I started thinking about it. I found I really didn't keep in touch with the kids I grew up with. I was too close to my brothers and

sisters to notice if they had changed. Now that it has been, wow 30 years, since I saw that movie I was thinking back to other people I have known many, many years.

I have nieces and nephews that have grown up around me and other people's children that have been around. There are a quite few children that have grown up right in front of my eyes. Wow I'm old enough to be a grandfather. Wait that another story. Anyway most of these people have grown into adulthood and many have not changes a lot. Yes they have changed we all do. The basic core personality is much the same.

Even myself if I think back into my growing up years I am much the same as I was around twelve. I was a loner most of my life, self motive, good with math, and technical things, slow reading, mostly left brained. In the last 10 years I have started to changes. I no longs sit back in the corned not talking to others.

For the most part it is hard to shut me up. I will ask for help because after these years I learned I don't know everything, just most things. ☺ There is a lot more ways to be right than just my way. Many, many people have the right way to do things. I listen to other many time you find they are on your side. They are saying the same thing as you just coming about the same answer from a different angle.

This reminds me of religion. Most religions have their view of a supreme force they name as their God. Well the universal force, God, has many names and the religions call him/he by many names. They even many symbols. Here are some of them:



We are all children of the same universe

This is by no means all of the symbols for the regions but is the bunch I could together in one place. I think I may be a member of a few of these. What is the one that looks like a yield sign? Third from the right. Now my mind is getting side tracked and I have to see what I can find out. See you later...

Ok, I think the "Yield" sign is called "Water". At this link: <http://symboldictionary.net/?p=2544> I found a list showing many, many religions symbols. I had not seen a list showing so many before. This was the first list I saw with the triangle with the flat side up. So it might now be the only use. I'll check some more. Don't go anywhere. I still have coffee in my cup.

Changes

I have been thinking about another newsletter...well a journal. I have thoughts in my head that want to get out but fingers don't want everyone to know them. Keeping thing in my head just clutters it up. Maybe if I let some of the stuff out of my head it would leave room in there for more creative things. I know that there is a lot of confusion in there now. Maybe I need a brain washing.

Printing While not Home

Did you know you can print on some printer at home when you are not? Many of the new HP printers have ePrint. ePrint is something that Apple started and HP picked up. Maybe other brands can do this too. I do this with my iPad and iPhone but I am guessing you can do it with other devices too. Here is how it works.

After you have setup ePrint on the HP printer, it shows up on the iDevice as a place to print to. When you have that working you go to HP's ePrint website and enter a code and you can then create

your own email address to print to. It's free so don't think is another thing you need to make monthly payments for.

It only takes a few minutes to set this up. When you have it working it is easy to use. If you have a picture you want to print at home you just email it. Say I have a quote I see in a book you can't take the book with me but want someone at home or in the office to see it right away. Well take a picture with your Smartphone and then email to your printer as an attachment. It is just that easy. Say your printer is "MartysPrinter" the printers email is "MartysPrinter@HPePrint.com." If it is just an email it will print that. If there are attachments it will print that type of attachments automatically. It will do pdf, doc, jpg, and some others I don't remember right now. I use this from time to time and no, this is not my real printer's email address. Check it out, it's neat!

E.W. Training

Well I came out to visit and the place is busy. Sometimes I just get in the way so I sit in the corner so nobody knows I am here. I think I snuck in this time. We'll see when the class is over. If Julie or Michelle jump when they see me, hid good! ☺

Did I tell you last month that E.W. Training has redesigned the website? I like the new layout. Check it out at www.EWTrainingWoodstock.com. Let me know if you like it too.

Hay, nobody has seen me yet! I wonder how long I can just sit here. ☺

Space used

When I bought my iPad I thought I needed 32,000 Megs of memory. When I bought the iPhone I decided it only needed 16,000 Megs. Well I use about 25% on the iPad and 50% on the iPhone. Meaning I bought a lot more memory than

I figured I needed. My iPhone still has ever picture I ever took and it is only using 1,900 Megs (25%) of the total used. I think if I clear of some of the stuff I don't use I would have a couple leaner devices. Wait, I am talking about de-cluttering here. Maybe that is the root of a lot of my issues. Hummm...I am turning into a cycle therapist. I did work on bicycles for a while many years ago. I didn't know that I was I was learning be my own therapist. I guess what comes around goes around. Oh, just like bicycle wheels. ☺

Maybe I should stop this and go do something else.

Be Careful What You Say

At lunch time we were talking about different foods and how the effect your body. Well I started boosting how I could eat almost anything. Well I eat a hand full of walnuts just before I washed the car.....out oh... got to goooooooooo

Well need I say more?

2-Dec-12 6:43am *\$

Sell I was about to leave Starbucks when I noticed the place is getting full and there is no room for me to get to the counter to give them my dirty dishes. Oh, they are all gone already. I'm off the see Anila at Town and Country.

3-Dec-12 9:04am TC

It was a great workout this morning, even though I was running on empty. I need to go in for a blood test so I tried working out without eating. And it went just fine. I burned over 500 calories and survived. But after 3-1/2 hours I needed to eat!

So I am sitting here in the restaurant texting across the table. Today it is the thing to do. It is some fun to do once in a while. Well that's enough of that.

5-Dec-12 1:42pm Osco

Yup, I have random thought while sitting at Jewel/Osco waiting for my meds too. Because I am in better shape I talked the doctors in to changing some of my medication. Of course I decided to rush right over here before they change their mind. So I have a little wait and I remembered I had my iPad in my pocket so here I am making typos as fast as I can.

Now I'm getting hungry.

6-Dec-12 5:51am *\$

I am a little over whelmed as of late. I want to do too many things all at the same time and it seems to be pulling me apart. I have this book I have been up to Starbucks to read for a week or more and I have only just started on page four today. I read one paragraph and it filled my head with so much information I had to just stop. The same thing happened the other day with the last paragraph.

I don't know if there is too much sawdust in my head already or if there is that much meaning in this book that is the reason I put it aside before.

Today's paragraph is titled "Brain Dance" and is telling me that you can only do one thing at a time. Like; "Rome was not built in a day."

The book I am trying to read is titled; "The ZEN of Organizing", Creating Order and Peace in Your Home, Career, and Life by Regina Leeds.

What I read this morning got me thinking a little about slowing down a little and trying to just do a less at a time. Maybe instead of looking at a cluttered house and look at a cluttered desk or even just the one piece of paper I have to remove from it. It really is like moving a mountain. It will get moved over time one shovel of dirt at a time. After a while you

will see you have it moved to the other side of the street.

Wow that reminds me of when I rebuilt my bathroom. When I first bought my house I found a piece of loose tile over the tub. That loose tile turned into a complete remodel. Everything I touched was bad so I gutted the whole room. As time went on it seemed though I would never get finished and I was getting depressed. One thing I did as I went along is videotaped my progress. One day when I was very depressed I stopped and took a few days off not even going into the bathroom. I used the gas station and the basement sink to clean up.

Then I remembered I had video tape it so I sat down and watched the video and my spirits came alive. I had no idea how much work I had already done in the bathroom. I felt so good about myself...wow I get tears in my eyes just thinking about this.

At that point I just kept plugging away and what seemed no time I was finished.

Now after reading this paragraph it brought the thought back to the foreground of my thoughts. I am going to drink up my coffee, go home, and try to move just one piece of clutter at a time. I really think I have been over whelmed by the task ahead of me to purge my house of all of my unloved stuff.

I tend to buy myself something I want for my birthday and Christmas around this time of the year. Maybe this year I should give myself something I think I need.

Unfinished

Right now I have a few unfinished things to complete that need to be put into the queue. I need to publish the last issues of MRT, Finish my Christmas letter, and get my Walking the Walk book finished. Oh I have that Mind-Body software up, and sell the

motorhome, and clean out the garage, and the kitchen, dining room, window porch ...wait I am getting over whelmed here again. Let's go back to the one piece of paper on my desk first.

Venting

I think that Marty's Random Thoughts is becoming a place to let my thoughts out of my head. It is kind of a place for me to think out loud without bugging too many people with the noise that come out of between my lips. ☺ I could start a new newsletter and call "Marty's Random Venting" or "Marty's Random Journal" or "What in Marty's Head, Nothing Now." Or I could just call it "MRT" and not think so much.

Do You Read This

I know I write a lot of useless information in my newsletter. As Michelle said to me once; "You are one of the foremost authorities on useless information." I had to agree with her. I know a lot of stuff that most people don't really care here me tell them. Well thought come for my random thoughts. Maybe my mind is as cluttered as my house.

Anyway do you read my newsletter? How about feedback once in a while, I know I do this for me and not for you but it would be nice to know what people think.

Send me an email once in a while so know you are a reader. If you don't want to get my email telling you that I published a new issue let me know. I can cut down spam. Just because you are all my friends doesn't mean you have to read my newsletter.

You can always get to <http://MartysRandomThoughts.com> and click on "Contact Marty" and leave a privet message. No one see them but me and it is as secure as I can make it. Or you

could send me an email at thoughts@MartysRandomThoughts.com. Or just talk to me on the street.

I like hearing others thoughts. You do think don't you? ☺

My coffee is gone I think I will head home now. I got things to think about doing.

Car Almost Broken

I finally decided to take my car in to get serviced. There are a lot of little thing that need attention. So I drooped it off at Honda and been hanging with Michelle while she is doing some shopping in Crystal Lake. Somehow I ended up at this solon waiting for her. Wait she is finished already. Got to go.

Now that I am home I get a call about my car. It will be tomorrow before I have the final on what the problem is with the ticking sound is that seems to be coming from the engine. Right now it sounds like it could cost me an arm and a leg to fix that. We'll see what they find while the car is cold. It seems to make the noise mostly when it is colds. It may be something I can patch and not pay them boo coo to replace parts. This means I fix most of its problems and not buy another new car this year. Thanks for the ride Michelle!

Christmas Cards

I received my first Christmas card in the mail today. Thanks Cork & Diane. I went to hang it above the then doorway as normal and had to start to laugh. Last year's where still there. So I looked at last years as I took then down. No reason to rush in to things. ☺

Now I best start on this year's Christmas Newsletter.

New Car

I have been thinking about getting a new car. It hasn't been that I need a new car just yet. I just have itchy feet to have something different. I have had this car over 10 years. This twice as long as any other car I have owned. That was the 1989 Plymouth Sundance.

Well yesterday I decided to get a few things fixed on my Honda. Since I have had almost nothing go wrong with it in years I decided to just take it in a fix the few things fixed.

I have been hearing a clunk when I back of the drive way in the morning. The cable used to unlatch the gas fill cap cover broke a couple weeks ago and I have been hearing a clicking sound from the engine.

So after spend over \$560 most of this is repaired. One thing is a minor problem but a very expensive repair. There is an exhaust leak that is a hole in the manifold and is a \$1700 repair. Like the transmission over haul I might have had to do it is fine. That would have been a \$1500 repair that a \$200 fix solved it.

I picked up the car this afternoon and it seems to be fixed. Tomorrow I will be back to my normal driving and I will see how it feels. Maybe I will be over the feeling on wanting a new car.

Gold Fever

I have been watching the T-V show Gold Rush and it is making me want to go mining. Now typing this I know it would be fun to fill a pint jar with gold dust. But let's get real. It would be just as much fun to win \$550,000,000 in the lottery. It is a little unrealistic. I guess one can dream!

I'm watching Jungle Gold and these two guys are doing a lot of stupid things. I am not going into gold digger trade. Well when this show is over I can go to bed

where I can have visions of sugar plums dancing in my head. Good night!

8-Dec-12 5:56am *\$

I love looking at the snow on the ground but not on my car or my path. But the say you are drawn to what you resist the most. They also say;"You are drawn to where your energy flows." So I use all this energy to resist the snow on my things and bang there it is on my car and my path. I need to enjoy it. I can't change the weather, it is!

Yes, what is is! If you can change something then do it. If you can't change it then change the ways think about it and just smile about it.

9-Dec-12 7:09am *\$

It seems like I am always at Starbucks in the morning these days. I think it has become my home away from home in the morning. I wonder if this is a way to escape for home. If this thought is correct then I need to make my house a home at home. I just had the thought that might be why I like hanging around places that are not where I live. Maybe I just spend too much time thinking and analyzing. Maybe I should just try being without thinking about it so much. And now I think I will go to Town & Country and have breakfast with Anila.

At TC

I just arrived at Town & Country and the State crew is here. They are never here on Sunday morning. I kidded them about moving snow. You know we had none. Jimmy said they were salting. The other guy said he was from Rockford and they were moving snow. I guess we might get some snow before Christmas.

12-Dec-12 7:34am TC

Happy 12-12-12 Day!

14-Dec-12 11:02pm Home

Oh, it's bed time. Why am I still up? Well since I'm up I best post this email I got from Kim.

Retirement!!!

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for a senior who still works and refuses to retire?

Answer: Nuts

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there. Or move back in there . . .

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break...spiked!

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he worked with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

QUESTION: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING..... Saturday & Sunday, I rest.

SERENITY

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, is 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, and diabetes.
 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.
 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.'
 Source: Email from Kim

Well now I should go to bed.
 Good Night!

15-Dec-12 5:56am *\$

Good morning! I think this is going to be a good morning I can feel it. The coffee taste very good and I know today is the 350th day of the year or is it the 349th day?

When I got to the counter at Starbucks they were placing Christmassy stuff on the display. The gal behind the counter was saying something like I had to have 16 of them today because it was the 16th. Then we decided I only could have 15 because it is really the 15th. Then I said I needed 335 because it was the day of the year. Well then she almost thought I know what I was

saying. So I decided to look up the day-of-the-year to see what it was.

In a few minutes I was on the internet and found a Julian calendar chart the showed the Julian dates to be 349. Not trusting my memory I looked and found another chart that said today was the 350th day of the year. So why was the Julian Date different?

Well I decided I would have to do research but I took a quick look and found that Dec 1st was day 335. I decided to not obsess on this and went to reading my book.

Well I started reading and another thing came to mind in the paragraph when I read the words "Seventh Heaven." I know that meant as good as it can be, but where the other 6 heavens? So I stopped reading to find something about the Seventh Heaven. Well not to go in to all the detail I found the heaven's names. Here it the list:

1. Jannatul Ma'wa (The Lowest)
2. Daarul Maqaam
3. Daarus Salaam
4. Daarul Khuld
5. Jannatul Adan (The Middle)
6. Jannatun Naeem
7. Jannatul Kasif
8. Jannatul Firdaus (The Highest)

Now I can go back to drinking some coffee and reading some more about Regina thinking she is in "Jannatul Kasif" (7th heaven) when she was in her mother's closet to wearing her clothes as a kid. ☺

Another new word

I was asked what someone's arrearage was today and I didn't have a clue what they meant. I had never heard or read the word "arrearage" before. Well it means the overdue amount. It is a legal turn. Maybe this will be a learning day. I should start so I

can suck up some knowledge while my mind is opened up.

Wait I am opened minded, aren't I? ☺

Trying Too Many Things

Ok slow down Marty! I just noticed I am trying to do too many things at the same time again. I am typing here because it stops me dead in my tracks and makes me think about doing none of them for a short time. When I do that it gives me time to forget about most of them for a short time. The one I should do first will surface and I will do it first and then the next thing and then the next thing. I can have many things in the works but do only one thing at a time. So the thing that comes to mind first is the Christmas letter. So forget the other thing and do that and then see what happens.

Christmas Letter

I have finished the Christmas letters and ready to mail. I have posted it online at the same place I post the newsletter for those of you who didn't receive one in the mail. It is hard for me to justify mailing anything these days of the electronic mail and internet. I have even thought about hand writing my Christmas letter but I just am so beyond that part of the technology. I know living in the past is neat but unnecessary. It is not where I want to go too often. I have a few friends who do not have needs or want to move into the new age. Since I love then I will give in to them. I have enough old hang ups of my own to deal with to hold the rest back. Yes I still carry paper and pencil with me. But I also talk to my iPhone so I don't have to type. Anyway I will be mailing some of the Christmas letter. Wait why am I getting on my high horse about this? Hay, its Christmas!

Well almost, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Birthday. Whoops, I missed

printer my letters. Oh well, Maybe no one will see it. ^__-__^

16-Dec-12 7:19am *\$

It seems like every time I start a new day's entry I am at Starbucks, Hun? Well I seem to be starting my day at Starbucks a lot lately. I wonder what that means. Does that mean I am more conferrable up here than at home? On days I don't start my day at *\$ I am at EWT or TC but not at home. When I am at home I seem to be sleeping in the chair in front of the TV. Now if I was a head doctor I might be telling myself I don't like it home and it makes me depressed. Why might I say this? At home I'm in front of the TV the computer or refrigerator if not sleeping in bed. I almost have no interest in much of anything at home. Whoops I just noticed the word count was 911. Is that a warning symbol? ☹

Ok I can't wait until this feeling of being at home depressing me leaves. Ah, it just dawned on me what is causing this feeling when I am at home. I don't like being alone any more. I have almost always liked to be away from people for the first 60 years of my life. Thinking back on the last 10 years or so I have been tending to like being around people more. Even as a kid I was a loner. Now I like people around me and I like to be around some people more than others. Hummm, I am baring my soul here I hope it doesn't go the wrong way.

I am over my depression now. I have talked myself into understanding what makes me leave home every change I can. I can go have breakfast with Anila at TC and go home and finish my laundry and start some pumpkin wine. ☺

18-Dec-12 7:53am *\$

It is Tuesday out there. It seems like just yesterday it was Monday. I guess that happens every week doesn't it? I am sore

this morning. I can't help wondering if it was from watching paint dry or having the thought of sugar plums melting in my head. Oh wait...maybe; it was the workout yesterday morning. I did try to do a little more than my body wanted me to. Sometimes it doesn't complain until the next day while my brain tries to show off to the pretty ladies. When your body whispers take it easy you might be wise if you should shutdown your ego and...Well, you know.

So I am just a little sore and I should be fine in a few hours. Maybe this coffee will help.

Well this is going to be a two cup morning. I need the second cup because I need to go see if that paint has really finished drying. You wouldn't want me to do that without being tanked up with caffeine, would you? ☺

New One on the Way

I just heard I am going to be an uncle again. Wait that is great uncle! So it said on Facebook 30 minutes ago. You know in the past I would have heard about when the kid was a year or two old. ☺

4 Score & 7 Years Ago

Wait I know nothing of that long ago. It was 21 years before me. Let me start over...

Once Upon a Time

That better! Now where was I going with this? Oh well, I'll just type something and see what comes out of my fingers. I am sure if I start typing something will tell my fingers what key to press next.

Did you see the snow today? It was short lived but it looked like one those things you turn upside down and shack. It snowed like that Christmas Eve last year for a while. Maybe it will happen this year for Christmas. That is if we are still around. No I don't plan on going anywhere. But you do

remember that December 21st, 2012 at 11:11am those guys are telling us. Myself I have been having fun with the End Times. I had fun with the End Times on Y2K, May 31st, and Oct 31st. Still we are here! Yesterday I looked December 21st up on the internet and they had the time posted. That is why I know it was at 11:11am. I hope you are taking this all in as another one of those Dooms Day things they have always been talking about.

I'm sitting here in Starbucks this afternoon and the place is packed. I am sitting way back in the corner facing the wall to see nothing. Well the wall!

Still I don't have any idea what I wanted to tell you unless I have already told you. Maybe I should go home and think about it.

Oh, here is something. I canceled DirecTV! It is gone now. No more TV bills for me. \$70.00 a month for TV service was just a little more than I wanted to pay for an addiction. Yes I said "addiction!" I am addicted to watching TV and spent money to be that way. I could spend that \$800 dollars a year on a vacation to Caperon, Chemung, or some other vacation spot of northwest Illinois.

Is Chemung Illinois an unknown vacation spot? Google just shows it's a crossroads in the middle of the highway on the way to Loves Park from Harvard. Maybe I should not tell you about it being a vacation resort from my childhood. Shhhhhh, don't tell anyone

Back to depriving myself of TV; I have not completely cut all of my video watching, I still have Netflix. I don't get the DVD but just the Internet videos. It cost less than \$8.00 a month and it works great through Apple TV. Apple TV lets me watch Web TV and also connect to my iPad, iPhone, and maybe my PC/Laptop to see thing on the big TV screen.

I can almost watch anything I want, maybe a year old but I will still be able to watch just the same, just not the new stuff.

Well I think I should go home and get ready for the end of the world. I never did that before so I don't know all the things I must get done before that happens. I have a little coffee to finish so I think I will head to the internet and see what they will tell me to do. Nothing I hope.

Home Again

Ok I have been out to the internet to find out what they say I should do to prepare for the End-of-the-World. Well, everywhere I looked they were trying to tell me how to prepare for after the end.

I have to laugh. If the world ends there will be nothing to prepare for. We are not ready to live on the moon or Mars and this world will be no more. Well I thought the end of the world meant the end, didn't it?

So now home I thought I would try to finish off one more newsletter before it all ends. Well anyway this year. The rest of this year I am going to be doing a lot of stuff. Meaning if the world survives the End-Times, I will still be living here so I have things to do.

First I thing though, I will watch a couple hours of "Far Scope" then it will be cut this issue off for the year, unless I have more random thought.

December 22nd

Since I am still here the world did not end. I have already started the next issue and you see it next year. Before ending this issue I thought I would add an email I just received from Rex. Rex is a man from DC I met while walking across Spain.

The End is NOT Here

The news coverage about the Mayan calendar has grown. Here's today's NASA News Summary on this topic:

NASA Continues Efforts To Debunk Doomsday

Theories. In continuing coverage of how some believe the world will end today, [NBC Nightly News](#) (12/20, story 8, 2:25, Williams, 7.86M) broadcasted a report with experts explaining why this would not occur. Following Mayan civilization experts who discounted the theory that the Mayan calendar made such predictions, reporter Kristen Dahlgren said, "Talk of 12-21 is so prevalent, NASA created a web page, debunking the theories." Don Yeomans of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory said, "There are no planetary alignments in December of 2012."

[ABC World News](#) (12/20, story 9, 1:50, Sawyer, 7.43M) reporter David Wright said, "The ancient Mayans are now a problem for NASA. The space agency has received so many panics calls about the Mayan apocalypse, they put out a video to reassure people."

The [Houston Chronicle](#) (12/21, Mulvaney, 434K) notes, "On the eve, NASA was working to quell fears and debunk the myth — pointing hundreds of concerned callers to the clear-cut scientific facts that promise the Earth will not end Friday." NASA spokesperson J.D. Harrington said the agency has been "trying to wrangle" all the false predictions because some people "are afraid. They are scared." Harrington "said even with scientific facts presented to the callers, many are still skeptical, believing instead that scientists do not want to cause widespread panic by releasing the truth."

The [Washington Post](#) (12/21, Kliff, 489K) "Wonkblog" reports NASA "is so certain that our world will not end that they have already released a video, dated Dec. 22, explaining why the world did not end on the day prior." The article notes NASA researchers also "have huddled on the issue and found there are 'no known asteroids or comets on collision course with earth.'"

The [Jersey Journal \(NJ\)](#) (12/21, 17K) reports NASA "seems anxious to disprove the 'end of the world' hysteria around the world that has seen the scientists flooded with inquiries about how we will all meet our demise — by asteroid, earthquake, or black hole in the middle of our Milky Way Galaxy."

According to [Reuters](#) (12/21, Klotz), Yeomans discounted the idea of scientists covering up news, saying, "Can you imagine thousands of astronomers keeping the same secret from the public for several years? ... Since the beginning of recorded time, there have been literally hundreds of thousands of predictions for the end of the world...We're still here."

[Popular Science](#) (12/21, Boyle, 1.3M) reports, "NASA has...taken up an aggressive campaign to convince people to not be so ridiculous," but "NASA's Facebook and Twitter feeds...are full of comments from people who truly believe something will happen."

The [Macon County \(NC\) News](#) (12/21), [Eugene \(OR\) Register-Guard](#) (12/21, 52K), and [Universe Today](#) (12/20, Major) also cover the story.

My plans for tomorrow haven't changed.

Rex ...
Source: Email from Rex

So there you have it. Calm down we still have 50,000,000,000 or so years to go. Worry about

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