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# Marty's Random Thoughts

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## Random Email

### THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE

Falling in love.  
Laughing so hard your face hurts.  
A hot shower.  
No lines at the Super Wal-Mart.  
A special glance.  
Getting mail.  
Taking a drive on a pretty road.  
Hearing your favorite song on the radio.  
Lying in bed listening to the rain outside.  
Hot towels out of the dryer.  
Finding the sweater you want is on sale for half price.  
Chocolate milkshake.  
A long distance phone call.  
A bubble bath.  
Giggling.  
A good conversation.  
The beach.  
Finding a \$20 bill in your coat from last winter.  
Laughing at yourself.  
Midnight phone calls that last for hours.  
Running through sprinklers.  
Laughing for absolutely no reason at all.  
Having someone tell you that you're beautiful.  
Laughing at an inside joke.  
Friends.  
Falling in love for the first time.  
Accidentally overhearing someone say something nice about you.  
Waking up and realizing you still have a few hours left to sleep.  
Your first kiss.  
Making new friends or spending time with old ones.  
Playing with a new puppy.  
Late night talks with your roommate that keep you from sleeping.  
Having someone play with your hair.  
Sweet dreams.  
Hot chocolate.  
Road trips with friends.  
Swinging on swings.  
Watching a good movie cuddled up on a couch with someone you love. Wrapping presents under the Christmas tree while eating cookies and drinking eggnog.  
Song lyrics printed inside your new CD so you can sing along without feeling stupid.  
Going to a really good concert.  
Getting butterflies in your stomach every time you see that one person.

Making eye contact with a cute stranger.  
Winning a really competitive game.  
Making chocolate chip cookies! Having your friends send you homemade cookies! Spending time with close friends! Seeing smiles and hearing laughter from your friends.  
Holding hands with someone you care about.  
Running into an old friend and realizing that some things (good or bad) never change.  
Discovering that love is unconditional and stronger than time.  
Riding the best roller coasters over and over.  
Hugging the person you love.  
Watching the expression on someone's face as they open a much-desired present from you.  
Watching the sunrise.  
Getting out of bed every morning and thanking God for another beautiful day.

Teri 01/30/2000

## Random Quotes

I had always loved beautiful and artistic things, though before leaving America I had had a very little chance of seeing any. - Emma Albani

Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures. - Henry Ward Beecher

The poet ranks far below the painter in the representation of visible things, and far below the musician in that of invisible things. - Leonardo DaVinci

Now, in reality, the world has paid too great a compliment to critics, and have imagined them to be men of much greater profundity than they really are. - Henry Fielding

Works of art, in my opinion, are the only objects in the material universe to possess internal order, and that is why, though I don't believe that only art matters, I do believe in Art for Art's sake. - E. M. Forster

Poetry begins in delight and ends in wisdom - Robert Frost  
Art is a collaboration between God and the artist, and the less the artist does the better. - Andre Gide

Art is either plagiarism or revolution. - - Paul Guaguin  
<http://life.bio.sunysb.edu/ee/msr/quote.html>

## Random Weather

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**February 14, 1899:** What's been called the "Great Eastern Blizzard of '99" inundates Washington, DC with 20.5 in., 52 cm. of snow and Cape May, NJ, with 34 in., or 86 cm. In Washington snow depth reaches 34 in., or 86 cm.; in Cape May, 41 in., or 104 mm. 1940: St. Valentine's Day blizzard in southern New England delivers whole gales and snow depths of 10 to 17 in., or 25 to 40 cm. In Boston, many are stranded following a Sonja Henie ice show.

**March 1, 1980:** Snow falls in Florida as Miami reports 32 F (0 C); at Norfolk, VA, 13.7 in. (35 cm.) falls, increasing the winter total to a record 41.9 in., or (106 cm). In 1914: Heavy snows and high winds hammer New York and New Jersey; 24 in., or (61 cm) of snow at Asbury Park, NJ; telephone and power lines down across the state.

<http://www.excite.com/weather/trivia/>

## Random Stories

### Calling In Sick

Calling in sick to work makes me uncomfortable because no matter how legitimate my illness, I always sense my boss thinks I'm lying.

On one occasion, I had a valid reason but lied anyway because the truth was too humiliating to reveal.

I simply mentioned that I had sustained a head injury and I hoped I would feel up to coming in the next day. By then, I could think up a dozy to explain the bandage on my crown.

In this case, the truth hurt. I mean it really hurt in the place men feel the most pain.

The accident occurred mainly because I conceded to my wife's wishes to adopt a cute little kitty.



<http://members.aol.com/Icehouse30/CallingInSick.html>  
02/01/2000

## Random Questions and/or Answers

### lightning

**Q. Can lightning strike up from the ground to a cloud?**

**A.** This is a commonly asked question, to which the answer is both yes and no. Lightning, in it's simplest definition, is a discharge of electricity, which occurs in mature

thunderstorms. Although we might expect lightning to come down from the clouds like the rain does, lightning actually occurs dynamically between the thunderstorm and the ground. Approximately one out of five lightning "strokes" actually hits the ground. These are referred to as cloud-to-ground strikes. The complete lightning strike process is a series of steps, all of which happens in a few millionths of a second and thus appears as one motion to the human eye.

The lightning process begins with the bottom side of the cumulonimbus cloud, or thunderstorm, becoming negatively charged with electricity. Since unlike charges attract, this causes the ground beneath the thunderstorm to become positively charged. This positive charge on the ground is most pronounced in objects extending above the ground, such as tall trees or buildings. The negative charge in the base of the thunderstorm continues to grow until a series of very faint and small strikes, called "stepped leaders", strikes in succession, each extending approximately 50 meters lower than the previous. As the stepped leaders near the ground, a current of positive charge starts up to meet it (again, this is usually from an object extending above ground). When the two meet, a flood of the negatively charged electrons flows into the ground, followed immediately by a positive charge rushing back up the path of the stepped leaders into the cloud. This is called the "return stroke" and is a much larger and brighter stroke than the proceeding stepped leaders, and this is what we actually see. Again, all this happens virtually simultaneously and just appears as a quick bolt of lightning to us. Thus, lightning starts from the clouds, but it is the return stroke from the ground that we see.

[http://www.excite.com/weather/ask\\_meteorologist/](http://www.excite.com/weather/ask_meteorologist/)  
01/30/2000

## Random Poet

### Pam

There was this gal named Pam;  
and she wanted to have a ram  
Now everyone knows that rams can't punch holes in no dam.  
So Pam decided that this must be some sort of scam;  
And told them all to scam.  
Now Pam has a ram says "thank you mam."  
*Marty 02/06/2000*

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## Random Request

Do to a demand, here is Marty's email address

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<http://www.randomhouse.com/seussville/university/>

02/01/2000

## Random Event

### Birthdays

Feb 2 Josh

Feb 5 Kim

Feb 6 Laurie

Feb 8 Hannah

Feb 16 Nicky

Feb 17 Devyn

Feb 19 Shirley

Actor Lee Marvin is born, 1924.

Singer William "Smokey" Robinson is born, 1940

Britain's Prince Andrew is born, 1960.

Actress Justine Bateman is born, 1966.

Mar 6 Marie

Mar 9 Sandi

Mar 16 Marcia

Mar 21 John

### Conferences

April 14-16

The Prophets Conference - Santa Fe

<http://www.greatmystery.org/santafaecoerence.html>

May

IVUG International Visibility User Group

## Random People

### Be careful Ina!

Ina said that she has to be careful what she says because I might be writing it down and putting it in this newsletter. I may just do that.

## Where do names come from?

Once upon a time a long time ago, this girl child was born. The parents did not know what to name her.

They took the girl child to the book store and looked through all the baby names. They were having a difficult time finding just the right name. The golden girl child still didn't have a name. The parents went to see the local wise guy and thought he could help. He told them to take the child to as many place to see many things. You will find the right name. So the parents took their girl child to the Zoo, Candy Store, Park and all the fun places. One day while they were watching the 6 o'clock news, there was a story about this Tiger that got away from the Zoo. They watch this story and find out that the Tiger is down by the lake in the Park. Well, the parents and the golden hair girl child went down to the lake to see what was happening. The Tiger is swimming out to a fisherman that fell out of his boat. They thought the tiger was going to eat the fisherman. All the people got on a big boat and went out to help save the fisherman. And wouldn't you know it, the girl child got on a boat too. The people on the boat are tossing things out to the fisherman for him to grab to keep him afloat. The tiger is getting closer and closer. Well, the fisherman is having trouble getting to something that will keep him afloat. When the girl child sees this, she jumps in the water to save the man. Well, that tiger is swimming up fast now. The girl child's mother yells; "Get a net, GET A NET. We can catch the tiger with a net." In the mean time the girl child has saved the fisherman. He was back on his boat resting while the other people were trying to get the tiger. By now both parents are yelling; "Get a net. GET A NET". The girl child and the fisherman are watching this from the fishing boat. No one on the other boat knows what to do. The fisherman hands the girl child his fishing net and she dives in the water over to the tiger and nets him. They get the tiger on the boat and take him back to the Zoo. So the girl child saved the day. She saved the fisherman, the tiger and all the people who were swimming that day. Oh yes, the parents of the girl child got something that day. Their child now has a name. You all know her. She works at Vaughan's. Yes, her name is "Annette"

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## Happy Valentine's Day

