Marty's Random Thoughts

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Oops!

Misunderstandings:
In the July 23, 2007
issue of Marty's Random Thoughts, I
made some mistakes please
note the changes.

It started out that I was printing the "last issue". Some one told they thought I wasn't going to do this any more. What it really meant to say was "previous issue". I am still doing Marty's Random Thoughts. It is still fun. And I like to enjoy myself.

I had one of the new people Vaughan's name wrong. The name is not Sue. Her name is Taryn. I do not remember where I got Sue. I have to find out who that Sue might be.

Feedback

I received my first response to the "Meaning of Life". Will you be next?

Birthdays

August September
1 Trent 15 Corks
9 Tammy 15 Anila
23 Mary 18 Edie



24-July-2007 Woodstock

I just gave the previous newsletter to Mary to give to my Editor, Heather. She does a super job No one gave me a hard time about spelling or typos. Thanks Heather!

Yesterday and today I worked on my water garden for a while. I used the pool liner I had, and when I filled it with water I found it was too small. So I went to Menard's and got a little larger one. I filled it with water and the new liner needed some trimming. Then I took out the water because I needed to do some prep work before filling it.

I tried using my big sump pump because it had a switch to shut it down when the water got low. I couldn't use it because it way too big. I will have to get a pump that is made for that and a switch to

shut it down when the water gets low. I wonder if they have a low water shut off switch made for this kind of application. I will have to check...maybe at one of the garden stores. I also need some more flag stone for my waterfall. (see picture) I only need a few pieces, maybe 10 or 12. I am not making a very large pond. And I need to leave room for my river that will power the water wheel some day.



25-July-2007

The coffee and donuts this morning were good. The guy behind the counter was a little slow. But the company I was with was good.

From Arlene:

I got some thing from Arlene this morning. I thought it needed to be shared with all of you.

Woman's Answer To Man's Mid-Life Crisis

When I was married 25 years, I took a look at my wife one day and said, "Honey, 25 years ago we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 25-year-old blond.

"Now we have a nice house, nice car, big bed and plasma screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 50-year-old woman. It seems to me that you are not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 25-year-old blond, and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV.

Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve your midlife crisis. Source: Arlene

6:41pm Cookies

At dinner tonight Bill, Arlene and I were sitting there when David said something about a party in the back. It was setup for later and they were going to have cookies and brownies. Anila heard this

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	sneak us a cookie. Well she
	couldn't find them. When the
	party people started coming
	we saw 2-3 plates of
	cookies go by. The best
	Anila could come up with 1
	extra cookie, which she split
	in three. We were giving
	David and a Sharon a hard
	time when we saw the
	brownies go by without stopping at are table. When we left, we

with a bunch of brownies for us. Good thing, because I don't have any eggs at home to make my own. It was a good thing anyways, if I would have made my own, I would have eaten all the raw dough before it was baked.

were talking to Triston in the parking lot when out came Sharon

I guess what had happened is they made these cookies and brownies special for the party tonight. They made them too early in the day and the help ate them all. They hid them the second time around so there would be some left for what they were made for in the first place.

I learned a very, very long time ago when you make finger food that are sweets, you always make extras. If you need ten you need to think about making a thousand. So remember we like cookies and brownies too!

<u>26-July 2007, 66 ° F</u>

8:03am Rain

This morning I decided to take the motor home for a drive. It had been sitting for a couple months, it was raining and it needed to be washed. Since it was raining so hard, I guessed everything would be flooded. It sits so high that I could drive through a lot more water with it than with the car or the pickup. And I like driving in the rain as long as I can see that there isn't too much traffic. So I drove out to 3 Brothers for breakfast. It was flooded. About 6-8" of water was flowing down that drain on the north side of the parking lot by the lake. I got to drive through that. Sometimes that area is so flooded you cannot tell where the lake ends and the parking lot starts. I have seen people drive right into the lake! With the car I stay away from that part of the parking lot even with 2-3" of water. In the motor home, 6-8" is fun to drive through.

It was still raining when Steve had to leave for work. Since he walks from breakfast to work I needed to give him a ride, didn't I? We must have looked cute sharing a small umbrella walking to the parked motor home. After I dropped him off I took a drive on the bypass and came back in to town on Route 120 from US 14. It was flooded along the 120 in areas outside of town. It was fun to drive through 6-8" of water at 35 MPH. There wasn't any traffic out there except for me. Very shortly there were other cars so I had to slow down so the were not accidents. Bummer! Well, I was having fun for a while. Playing around when you are alone is one thing, when others are around you need to be careful. I don't want anyone to get hurt. Be careful out there!

At 6:30 when I went to breakfast, I showed about 1/2" of rain. Now it shows 1-1/3" this all came down in about 1-1/2 hours. It basically dumped 1/2" really quickly twice, and the rest was just heavy rain. It stopped now but looks like we could get some more today. It is coming straight down from Wisconsin. We'll see what happens.

If I figured it right, we got about 27,155 gallons per acre, or 3630 cubic feet. The city of Woodstock would charge you \$2.04 per hundred cubic feet or \$75 just for the water and another surcharge for sewer so it would cost up around \$1160 for that water that falls freely out of the sky.

Saying that it rains 1-1/3 inches and I could store what fell on my roof. Say I could only salvage 1-1/4 inch because the rest stuck to the shingles. My roof is about 30 X 40 feet or 1200 square feet and we got one inch of rain that I could store in a holding tank from this one storm. That would be 18000 cubic inches of water or 10.5 cubic feet times, or \$46 saving from just one rain storm.

So and where would you store 10.5 cubic feet of rain? 10.5 Cu. Ft. is about the size of my big wooden flower pot in the front of my house. The one I was going to make into a water garden or a pond. It is 3-3/4 X 3-3/4 or about 3/4 foot or 10.55 cubic feet. Humm... I know how it will get filled when I get going with it. Oh, my normal Water/Sewer bill for 90 days is only about \$35. If I saved all the rain we got so far this year it would have been about 138Cu.Ft., or about \$670 in water/sewer bills. A tank 4x6x6 feet would be 144 Cu. Ft., or about 1000 gallons. This would be great for watering the grass.

Now I don't think you will all go out and build a big holding tank to save all the rain water. But you could catch a barrow under the down spout to water your house plants and maybe your garden – it might be an idea.

Thinking about all this rain is making me think I need to check the basement. I cleaned out the rain gutter that caused water problems in the basement. Wait right here. I will check now....well it is damp. I think that it is left over from before. I will check it out in a couple days. I think it will be just fine. You know I should clean the rain gutters more often. Or like Bill says, put covers on them. I will

have to check into that. I don't have trouble with leaves. It is pine needles for me. I get very few leaves.

It looks like it might rain again. I better go for coffee. It is break time, isn't it? 04:28pm Previous issue is ready.

I received the edited copy of the newsletter and I am printing it now. I will be going to hand it out in a few minutes.

We didn't get more rain. I show total of 1.4" today. It is very dry out there now.

05:45pm Melanie

Melanie has been telling me for a quite a long time that she has something for the newsletter. Tonight she told me again. I guess she is going to someday.

6:00pm Jenae

Jenae was giving me a hard time at Vaughan's about going to 3 Brothers for breakfast. Well they give me a heard time at the 3 Brothers' for going to Vaughan's. In fact Sandi and her bunch were sitting at only 2 tables away from me at Vaughan's. Sandi waited on me this morning at 3 Brothers. And when I checked out, she was giving me a hard time for going to Angelo's on Mondays when Vaughan's is closed. Then she thought I left because I wasn't sitting at the table I was when I first came in. So I had to tell her I was in the back with my brother Cork and his wife. Then she wasn't sure it really was my brother. I guess when you got the things like Country Thunder you lose it sometime.

27-July-2007

This morning I woke up and it was 70 ° already, and the humidity was 80%. Yucky! I see we got another 1/2" of rain since midnight too. I just turned the air conditioner back on. I have had it off for a week. It has been quite nice around here.

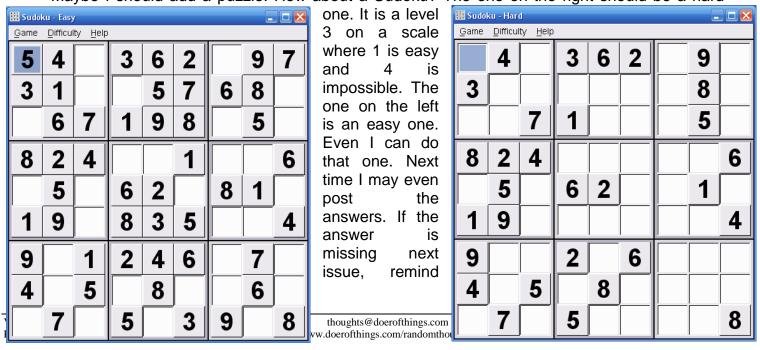
10:30am Sleepy

Seems like a lot of people are sleepy today. At breakfast a lot of people told me they were sleepy. I just came back from having coffee and those guys were sleepy too. I told Lidia, I needed a siesta and then a fiesta. One of them should help.

So I am trying a "Table of Contents" in this issue. If I keep trying things, this will be about a hundred pages long and I will need a fork lift to deliver them.

12:32pm puzzle

Maybe I should add a puzzle. How about a Sudoku? The one on the right should be a hard



me and I will get it in the next one. The one on the left is Sudoku_02 and the one on the left is Sudoku_01.

28-July-2007 8:03am, 68°F

I'm hungry! I hope they still have some eggs at the restaurant for me. Before I go check, I need to enter some notes before I forget again.

Bob & Shirley

The other day I heard that Bob and Shirley came out of retirement. I guess they both have jobs in the food service business.

Random Facts

I think it was Lucy last night was giving out random facts. Here is one for you: "If you have 3 quarters, 4 dimes, and 4 pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar." What the heck, here is another one: "The 57 on Heinz ketchup bottles represents the number of varieties of pickles the company once had." Ok, one more: "The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies." Ok can I go eat now?

Isabell's

I thought you Vaughan's people might like to know this. I was sitting in Vaughan's eating breakfast, A couple came in and sat near me. I heard them say that this place was nicer than that place down the road. Then they said it name was "Isabell's".

8:12pm

When I hand out the newsletter, most everyone ask me to if they something about them in it.. So here is something about some of them.

Jenae

So I handed a copy of the previous issue to Jenae, she wanted to know if she was in there. I said: "No. It is the next issue." Meaning this one. Now she will be in more than once. She also wanted her picture in there so here it is.

Melanie

She to wants something about her and her boyfriend in the newsletter. As I remember it, I am waiting for her to email me something. So when is that going to happen Melanie?

Rachel, Melanie, Jenae, and Aunt Annie

These ladies got in the newsletter by just sitting there. Sorry, you

are back in the dark Melanie.

Jenae you got in another one!

Jenae you got in another one! Happy now?

For a while every one wanted to get into the act. What happened to Lucy and Anila and all the other ones? Oh, maybe they were taking care of customers. I think that is why most of them were here. That is



why I went to the office before I retired. I went to "work". Sometimes I went to "work" and that is as far as I got. ☺

29-July-2007

Sliver

Last night I had a sliver, and you know how those things can bug you some time. You only get them in you finger where you keep bumping them. In most cases I can get them things out right away. Not this one! I put on some Neosporin® and a band-aid to disinfect and soften up the area. This morning I tried again and I could not get the sucker out. Hummm... what to do? Not bad enough for a hospital or doctor visit. Oh, my friends at Vaughan's may be able to help. Some of them are mothers. Mothers deal with slivers all the time.

I got a needle, tweezers, magnifying glass and a couple packages of lens cleaners. The lens cleaner has three uses. It will clean the magnifying glass (it is very dirty). And it has isopropyl alcohol in it that could be used to disinfect the needle or I could drink the alcohol so I go numb or dumb so I do not feel the pain \odot

I head to Vaughan's for breakfast and surgery. When I got there, all my favorite spots were full. So I sat with Triston and here sister Taryn. They were filling in their time working a "Search-a-Word" crossword puzzle while waiting for customers. I don't think either are moms, so I figured they needed to try just in case they became moms someday. Then they would know all about slivers. I brought out my tools and they laughed saying something like; "You are all ready for this." Triston could not see the sliver and her sister had to take care of some customers.

Just then Lidia came by. Lidia is a mom of 2 children. A true mother. She looked over the problem, grabbed the needle and started working on my finger. She said' "This may hurt. Look over there." Another sign of a mother! In 30 seconds it was all better. She came back 2-3 times for a follow up visit. Sliver is gone. Thanks Doctor Lidia!

Bumper Snicker

"I have a photographic memory but I'm out of film!"

"What happens if you get scared half to death twice?"

Worth Pondering

"Tomorrow is the only day in the year that appeals to a lazy man." -- Jimmy Lyons

"The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter" -- Mark Twain

Source: http://rvtravel.com Issues 285 and 286

AD

Got something neat you would like to share with others. Email it to me and I will see if I can get it in to Marty's Random Thoughts. Email to thoughts@doerofthings.com. Or just hand it to me on paper

Up Coming Events

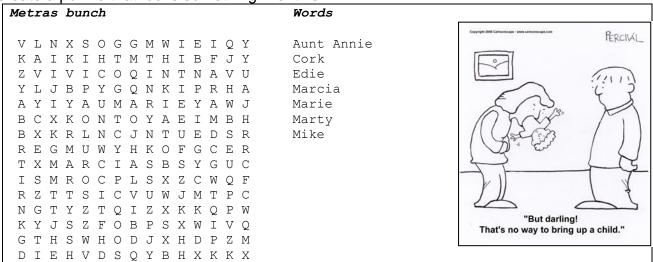
If someone goes to the McHenry Country Fair, August 1st-5th, let me know what you saw or heard that someone might want to know about. Same goes with any other event that you might have gone to and saw something neat or took funny pictures. Some of the little happenings are the funny things that help keep people smiling.

If you know about an event, let me know and I may post it. Some of us might not know about it. Like today, did you know the first weekend of ever month for years there has been a Psychic Fair at the Days Inn in Elgin on Route 25. This used to be a big event.

Word Search Puzzle of 07/27/07

I will from time to time put a new search word puzzle in newsletter if some one emails me a mess of words for it. Each word needs to be on its own line. We can use any words you want. Words should be spelled correct. You know how my spelling is! I will create puzzle and the answer that I will show the in the following issue.

I will create a puzzle that looks something like this:



This one is easy so there is no answer until next week

31-July-2007

Aunt Annie's Birthday

Oops! I forgot to call Aunt Annie yesterday. Remember, it was her birthday. Sorry! Happy Birthday yesterday Aunt Annie!

Internet connection

Yesterday was a fun day for me \otimes . Friday I had called AT&T to get a better rate on my DSL service. For you non-computer people that is my connection to the Internet. They gave me a better rate. I'll save \$5.00 a month. I asked 3-4 times if this was a better rate or a change in service. Every time I made sure that they were telling me that nothing would change and the service would not change. I verified that there would be no change at all. They keep telling me nothing would change I just would get a better price.

Yah! Right! I got up yesterday and went to check my email and was having trouble connecting to the Internet. Thinking it was my stuff because once in a while it is my stuff. I finally found that my DSL connection was not working. Since I had a noisy phone line for a few days I just figured it was the problem. I called AT&T to have them check it out and they agreed there was a problem and sent someone out. He had it fixed in a couple hours. That is all that he does and he did a good job to solve the noise problem.

So no DSL yet. I remembered that they had told me that nothing would change. So when I called them I had them check to see if there was a problem with the DSL line. They said it seemed to be working. Next thing I did is asking them if my service had been changed. They said it didn't look like it had. I know things do not just stop working unless some one changes something or something breaks. Again I asked "Are you sure?" And then I asked about my IP addresses. Again for you noncomputer people, an IP address is a set of numbers that identifies me on the Internet from you on the Internet. An IP address is a number like "192.168.1.10" generally this number can be from 0.0.0.0 to 255.255.255.255 so you see there are about 4,228,250,625 different IP's and that is just the start of my problem.

So they looked up my IP addresses and they were different from what they were. This means none of my computer stuff could connect to the Internet because something changed. I know what a pain it would before them to change my service back to what it was, I decided it would easier for me to change my stuff. If things went on it would take me an hour to change my old IP addresses to the new one. I basically have to change 5 IP's in 20-30 different places reboot 5-6 computers and then go

back and make sure they are right. Yes, I said 5-6 computers. I have a DSL modem, firewall, and Web server, Email server, a couple PC's a file server, a laptop or 2, and weather station. Yes, I have a lot of stuff around here. It isn't as bad as it sounds. Some of this stuff just needs to just be checked to make sure it works with the changes. The real change is the DSL modem. It must work! That was the big problem.

The DSL modem is programmed for the IP addresses that AT&T supplies. I had all my stuff changed in a 1/2 hour or so. The DSL modem you would normally log into and change the IP's and restart it. It had been working since Jan 31, 2003 with out any issues. If you cannot log in to it you would just reset it to the defaults and start form scratch. Since I have the manual and a print out of how to configure it to what I need it would just have taken an extra hour.

Well I from 9:00am to after 5:00pm off and on the phone with AT&T. Today I wait to have them come out and check the lines again. Wait.....

The AT&T line guy was here. He checked out the phone line and he said that it was just fine. Both the line guy yesterday and today seemed to know what they were doing, so I think that the phone line is not the issue here. Later the Tech should be here that works with the DSL stuff. I hope he/she has a new DSL modem with them.. They are scheduled between noon and 5:00pm today. We'll see how that goes.

10:26pm continuing DSL issue

So around 12:30 -1:00pm the tech was here to help get the DSL backup and running. We found out that the DSL Modem was bad so he sold me a new one. When he left it was kind of working. I needed to configure it for my used. After the tech pointed me in the in the right direction, he left. This was around 2:00-2:30pm. At this point it was a case for me to configure the modem the way the old one was and set in the new IP address and then wa-la, I would be ready to put it into service. Yah! Right!

After messing with it for a couple, three hours I could not make it connect. I called tech support and Steve, the tech, guided me through the process and I let him go. It should have worked after a reboot. Again, sure it will!.

So a half hour later I called AT&T again. I got Larry this time. I told him what I had been going through since yesterday and maybe it goes back to Friday, when I tried to save five bucks.

Larry started to go through what I had told him about them changing my IP addresses. He checked out the new IP addresses and he said that they did not seem to be working. He checked my old IP addresses and they had not re-issued them yet. He switched me back to my old IP addresses and wa-la! Yes in 1/2 hour, things were working. I set up my laptop to make sure it worked and he could connect. It was working just fine. At this point I thanked Larry and went for coffee. 12 hours without coffee is more work than I can take.

What this means, is that my system was down for 36 hours because they changed my IP address when they said they wouldn't. Sometimes I hate computers!

So if they would have left my IP address alone, I would not have spent a day and a half to save \$60 a year. Instead I spent \$190 to save \$60.

All is well now.

Mike called me from Germany. He thought I might be sick because he could not get to my website for a couple of days. Cork called me because he didn't know what was going on either. Thanks guys for checking on me.

All seems to be ok now, and since it is one o'clock I am going to bed. I have to get up in the morning and eat the donuts. ©

August 1st, 2007 5:54am 67° F

Good morning

So after being up until 2:00 am, I am up before 6:00 am. Things seem to be working ok after

that mess yesterday. It was one of those five minute projects that ended up taking 2 days. It is just like the old days when a friend of mine used to wake me up at 5:00 am and say he would buy me breakfast and he



needed my help for five minutes. By late afternoon this project might be finished. This kept happening. You would have thought after a few hundred times I would have got on to how long five minutes was on the clock. Is it the time it takes the short hand on the clock to go from one number to the next?

Funny stuff



One for Blondes, Bikers, Mothers, and Mike

It is time for breakfast. I may need to work on another 5 minute project.

Mike's new Book

I received Mike's new book, "Sicily's Historic Coast" a couple days ago and started reading it this morning. Though I just started, it looks like I will enjoy it. Not because it is my brother's, but because I think it is going to be a good to read.

Mike and Martv

After thinking about my brother, Mike, I think about the things we have in common and things that are different all at the same time. Here are some of the things that come to mind. Don't take this wrong Mike, I just thought this might be some of the fun reasons we get along so well.

<u>Mike</u> <u>Marty</u>

Numismatic Save change Takes photographic Take snapshots

Walks a lot I walk from the house to the car a lot

Plans things I just do it

Seems to be organized I'll find it someday, maybe

Calls it history I call it old stuff

Uses computers I eat, drink, and sleep computers

Knows what a T-V is I have my T-V on 7/24 Seems to finish projects I start a lot of them

You see we are just like brothers, Mike and me. Wait... we are brothers.

Explosive Weather

Suspicious box turns out to be weather station

A suspicious looking box found near Lewis-Gale Medical Center Thursday afternoon was, in fact, a remote weather station that had been affixed the tree by an employee and not an explosive device.

The box, which was constructed with putty and wires, was probed by the Virginia State Police Bomb Squad.

The bomb squad blew up the device before realizing it was a weather station. An employee had placed a putty-like substance around the box to make it weather proof. The investigation is concluded and no criminal charges will be filed.

Annie Johnson

Source web site: http://www.roanoke.com/news/breaking/wb/125008

Incredible Shrinking Earth

We came across an interesting article about the size of the earth, and how this measurement affects climate data. It seems the earth is a little smaller than we thought. According to German researchers at the University of Bonn, the diameter of the earth is 0.2 inches (5 millimeters) smaller than the last measurement made five years ago. It may not seem like much, but it matters when you are measuring changes in sea level using satellites.

"They must be accurate to the millimeter. If the ground stations tracking the satellites are not accurate to the millimeter, then the satellites cannot be accurate either."

What's the final number? You can round off the earth's diameter (not its circumference!) at 7,926.3812 miles (12,756.274 kilometers). To read the story at the...

source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070705/sc_afp/germanyscience_070705151649

The two above stories were from my "Davis Weather Club E-News, August 2007"

Pond project

I worked a little bit on my pond/water garden today. That is until it got too hot. I made a

waterfall with the flagstones I could scrounge together, without bringing any more home. I can see I do not have enough to do this and I will need to look around, and find where I can pick up some more one of these days when I can get some for free or at a near zero cost to me. This picture is of my first go around. I made a short video that you can see on the web page after I publish this issue. Or you could drive over and take a look see. There are no fish yet, so no fishing poles please. I still get my fish at the You restaurants on Fridays. the video can see www.doerofthings/thoughts



DSL Connection

I just spent the last hour on the phone with AT&T. My DSL Internet connect is out again. Tomorrow a Tech is coming out again. This is not fun any more.

2-Aug 2007 11:56, 89°F !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Three is the charm

Yesterday my DSL Internet connection failed. An AT&T Tech left here a while back and it is working again. In fact it started working just after he walked in the door. He did nothing but log in. It just started working and has for the last 2 hours. This is the first good thing for today.

The waterfall in my pond/water garden in still working. I added a plant in it since the picture. It is being watered by the waterfall. As long as the pump keeps running and the 75 gallons of water holds up for a while, I will not have to water this plant. This is the second good thing for today.

Yesterday, I put in a new air filter in the furance/air conditioner. Now it is cooling down in here a little better. It may have helped when I closed that window too. This is the third good thing for today.

These things happen in threes. And 3 is the charm. So lets look at this as the 3 wise men that got these things going. And I see the Cubs are number one!

Well 888

I spoke too soon! DSL went out again. It has been out since noon and it is around 2:30 pm now. The service call got pushed up another level and I got a direct phone number this time. I do not think I will have to go through the maze to get to another person this time. I will have to wait while they check their stuff better. I say their stuff because I do not have the DSL modem hooked to my stuff so it has to be their stuff. Unless the DSL Modem is bad. If that is the case, it is their Modem and they will have to give me a new one.

Final randomess

I think this issue is almost too long. But I will put in a little more anyway. I got his email from Arlene about BIII's brother, Robin. I think I will add it.

The Plan!



Robin Williams, wearing a shirt that says "I love New York " in Arabic.

You gotta love Robin Williams....even if he's nuts! Leave it to Robin Williams to come up with the perfect plan. What we need now is for our UN Ambassador to stand up and repeat this message.

Robin Williams' plan...

(Hard to argue with this logic!)

"I see a lot of people yelling for peace but I have not heard of a plan for peace. So, here's one plan."

- 1) "The US will apologize to the world for our "interference" in their affairs, past &present. You know, Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Tojo, Noriega, Milosevic, Hussein, and the rest of those "good ole boys", we will never "interfere" again.
- 2) We will withdraw our troops from all over the world, starting with Germany, South Korea, the Middle East, and the Philippines They don't want us there, anyway. We would station troops at our borders. No one allowed sneaking through holes in the fence.
- 3) All illegal aliens have 90 days to get their affairs together and leave. We'll give them a free trip home. After 90 days the remainder will be gathered up and deported immediately, regardless of whom or where they are. They're illegal!!! France will welcome them.
- All future visitors will be thoroughly checked and limited to 90 days unless given a special permit!!!! No one from a terrorist nation will be allowed in. If you don't like it there, change it yourself and don't hide here. Asylum would never be available to anyone. We don't need any more cab drivers or 7-11 cashiers.
- 5) No foreign "students" over age 21. The older ones are the bombers. If they don't attend classes, they get a "D" and it's back home baby.
- The US will make a strong effort to become self-sufficient energy wise. This will include developing nonpolluting sources of energy but will require a temporary drilling of oil in the Alaskan wilderness. The caribou will have to cope for a while .
- 7) Offer Saudi Arabia and other oil producing countries \$10 a barrel for their oil. If they don't like it, we go someplace else. They can go somewhere else to sell their production. (About a week of the wells filling up the storage sites would be enough.)
- 8) If there is a famine or other natural catastrophe in the world, we will not "interfere. " They can pray to Allah or whomever, for seeds, rain, cement or whatever they need. Besides most of what we give them is stolen or given to the army. The people who need it most get very little, if anything.
- 9) Ship the UN Headquarters to an isolated island someplace. We don't need the spies and fair weather friends here. Besides, the building would make a good homeless shelter or lockup for illegal aliens.
- 10) All Americans must go to charm and beauty school. That way, no one can call us "Ugly Americans" any longer. The Language we speak is ENGLISH...learn it..or LEAVE...Now, isn't that a winner of a plan?

"The Statue of Liberty is no longer saying "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses." She's got a baseball bat and she's yelling, 'you want a piece of me?'"

The Random end, Marty

PS: DSL IS working tonight