

FLEET FOCUS

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WINNING...?

John Wooden's basketball teams won an unprecedented ten NCAA titles, including seven in a row. During his twenty-seven years at UCLA, Wooden never had a losing season. In one four-season span his teams won eighty-eight straight games. No other coach has come close to matching that record. None ever may. To achieve this phenomenal record, one would imagine John Wooden put a lot of emphasis on winning. Actually it was the other way around. UCLA's coach emphasized to all his teams and to every player, that victory was not their goal. "Did I win? Did I lose? Those are the wrong questions," said Wooden. "The correct question is: Did I make my best effort? That's what matters. The rest just gets in the way."

According to Wooden, winning and losing aren't all they're cracked up to be, but the trip to the destination is. He felt that one's journey, the preparation to play, is what really matters. A game's outcome is simply a by-product. Getting there is where real accomplishment lays. All else is out of a team's hands. "I understood that ultimately the winning or losing may not be under my control," the coach wrote in *Wooden*. "What was under my control was how I prepared myself and our team. I judged my success, my 'winning' on that...I felt if we prepared fully we would do just fine. If we won, great; frosting on the cake. But at no time did I consider winning to be the cake."

(Excerpt from "Whoever Makes the Most Mistakes Wins" by Richard Farson and Ralph Keyes)

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

Vote early and vote often.

*Al Capone
Legendary Gangster*

If you're listening to a rock star in order to get your information on who to vote for, you're a bigger moron than they are.

*Alice Cooper
Rock Star*

The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men.

*Lyndon Baines Johnson
36th U.S. President*

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.

*Franklin Delano Roosevelt
32nd U.S. President*

DO I REALLY NEED TO KNOW THIS?

** Toto was paid \$125 a week for The Wizard of Oz.

** The average person shares his/her birthday with 9 million other people.

** Twenty-six billion rolls of toilet paper are sold yearly in the U.S. alone. Americans use about 23.6 rolls per capita a year.

** The owl is the only bird to drop its upper eyelid to wink. All other birds raise their lower eyelids.

** When you blush, the lining of your stomach also turns red.

** If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side.

** The pupil of the eye expands as much as 45% when a person looks at something pleasing.

** The first five-seat bicycle, the quindem, was built in 1940.

** The world speed record on a bicycle is held by John Howard, US Olympic Cyclist and Ironman triathlon winner. In 1985 he reached 152.2 mph, cycling in the slipstream of a specially designed car.

** Air-filled tires were used on bicycles before they were used on motorcars.

** The world's largest roach (S. America) is six inches long with a one-foot wingspan.

** Daniel Sickles' leg was struck by a 12-lb. cannonball at Gettysburg during the Civil War and had to be amputated. Sickles sent the leg to the new Army

Medical Museum in Washington, DC, with a card that read, "With the compliments of Major General D.E.S." For many years after, Sickles went to the museum on the anniversary of the amputation to visit his leg bone! It's still on display at the National Museum of Health and Medicine at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.

** When Napoleon wore black silk handkerchiefs around his neck during a battle, he always won. At Waterloo, he wore a white cravat and lost the battle.

** If every Oreo cookie ever made was stacked on top of each other (about 345 billion), the pile would reach to the moon and back more than 5 times. If placed side-by-side, they would encircle the earth 381 times at the equator.

** A spider is not an insect. It is an arachnid - with 8 legs instead of 6, and no wings or antennae. The same is true of the daddy longlegs, scorpion's mite, and tick.

** The names of Popeye's four nephews are Pipeye, Peepeye, Pupeye, and Poopeye.

** Chicago is the candy capital of the world with more chocolate manufacturers than any other place in the world. Chicago is a national hub for transportation and manufacturing, is close to sources for key candy ingredients (milk and corn syrup), and is convenient to ship products to either coast.

** A "clue" originally meant a ball of thread. This is why

one is said to "unravel" the clues of a mystery.

KUDOS TO FLEET

We are your biggest fans. For us, for what it is worth, **Fred Glasenapp** the infield mechanic is one of your top notch mechanics. Not to slight anybody else Fleet employs, but, Fred, for us, keeps us from bringing equipment in to be repaired, especially, when we need that equipment the most. **Pat** is great too, but we don't see him as much as we used to. You all keep us going with our aging equipment. Thanks to **Janet/Jayme** for ordering me parts. To **Karen**, for accepting all my work orders. To **Nuray**, for keeping us fueled & answering the phone. To **Bobby/Raul** for keeping our light equipment running the way it should. To **Andy & his staff** for keeping our few "heavy" pieces going strong. And also, **Randy & his guys** in the PM shop for keeping our trucks up to par. Thank you, All! Keep up the great work in these trying times. We're right behind you!

*William K. MacPhee
Parks & Rec. Crew
Supervisor*

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WANT A PIECE OF PI??

** Pi is the most recognized mathematical constant in the world. Scholars often consider Pi the most important number in all of mathematics. The symbol (π) has been used regularly in its mathematical sense for only the past 250 years.

** In the Greek alphabet, π (piwas) is the 16th letter. In the English alphabet, p is also the 16th letter.

** The letter (π) is the first letter of the Greek word "periphery" and "perimeter." The symbol π in mathematics represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. In other words, π is the number of times a circle's diameter will fit around its circumference.

** In 1995, Hiroyoki Gotu memorized 42,195 places of pi and is considered the current pi champion.

** One of the earliest known records of pi was written by an Egyptian scribe named Ahmes (c. 1650 B.C.) on what is now known as the Rhind Papyrus. He was off by less than 1% of the modern approximation of pi 3.141592.

** Pi has been studied by the human race for almost 4,000 years. By 2000 B.C., Babylonians established the constant circle ratio as 3-1/8 or 3.125. The ancient Egyptians arrived at a slightly different value of 3-1/7 or 3.143.



A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

** About 1000 pennies are made per second — 5.4 billion last year, about half the coins minted.

** A penny weighs less than nine-hundredths of an ounce.

** Pennies generally last 25 to 30 years.

** The Lincoln penny was the first cent to carry the words, "In God We Trust."

** The Lincoln Memorial replaced wheat shocks on the back in 1959 — for Abe's 150th birthday — making Lincoln the only person to appear on both sides of a U.S. coin.

** Zinc-coated steel pennies were made in 1943 to save on copper during World War II. The copper saved was enough to make 1.25 million ammunition shells.

** Each penny costs an estimated 1.4 cents for the U.S. Mint to produce - more than it's worth!

** The penny is the only U.S. coin with a profile that faces to the right. All other coins, the silver dollar, half dollar, quarter, dime, and nickel, have profiles that face to the left.

MONEY THOUGHT

Money frees you from doing things you dislike. Since I dislike doing nearly everything, money is handy.

*Groucho Marx
Comedian*



LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA

There are three sets of letters on the standard typewriter and computer keyboards which are in alphabetical order, reading left to right. What are they?

The correct answer is:

f-g-h, j-k-l, and o-p.

Bonnie Klein, Indoor Environmental Quality Supervisor from Facilities Services was this month's trivia prize winner. Thanks to everyone who played the trivia game.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO U

Rick Jones	8/05
Neil Armstrong	8/05
Fred Glasenapp	8/17
Davy Crockett	8/17
Brad Wright	8/18
Robert Redford	8/18
Luis Pacheco	8/24
Yasser Arafat	8/24

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA

What color is lobster blood?

- Blue
- Red
- Black
- Green

Send your answer to Marilyn Rawlings at Fleet to be eligible to win a prize.



INTERSTATE HIGHWAY HISTORY

** The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1938 was the first serious attempt to develop a national roadway system. Officials studied the feasibility of a toll-financed system of three east-west and three north-south super highways. They learned that this system could not be self-supporting, and advocated for a 26,700-mile network instead.

** Congress passed the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944 which chartered a "National System of Interstate Highways" and expanded the network to 40,000 miles. Soon state highway agencies and the Department of Defense planned nationwide routes. No specific funds were authorized for construction, however, making progress slow.

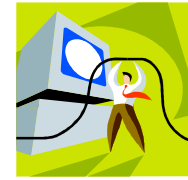
** President Eisenhower was the one who finally made the U.S. Interstate a reality. The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1954 set aside \$175 million for the construction of an interstate highway system. However, even more money was needed for the system that Eisenhower envisioned, and he pressed for more funds. Two years later, the expanded Federal-Aid

Highway Act (1956) authorized a budget of \$25 billion, of which the federal share was to be 90%. This legislation also provided for an extended network of 41,012 miles and nation-wide design standards, including: a minimum of 2 lanes in each direction, lanes that are 12 ft. in width, a 10-foot right paved shoulder, and design speeds of 50-70 mph.

** Further legislation over the years continued to expand the total length of the system, which now stretches for more than 46,726 miles. In 1990, in recognition of President Eisenhower's pivotal role in building the national system of interstate highways, George Bush (#41) signed legislation officially renaming it the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

** Major routes are designated by single- or two-digit numbers. If a route runs north-south, it is given an odd number, and if a route runs east-west, an even number. For north-south routes, numbering begins in the west. That means I-5 runs north and south along the West Coast, while I-95 runs north and south along the East Coast. For east-west routes, numbers begin in the south (I-10 runs through Florida).

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NEW FROM FLEET

Fleet Management is currently beta testing an on-line appointment scheduler. This scheduler will allow your department's Fleet liaison(s) to schedule PM services for your County equipment online using their email log on. When published, this also will be viewable by everyone by logging onto the link, but only the Fleet liaison(s) will be able to make appointments. Fleet is also working on a live status link that will allow supervisors and operators to check the live status of their vehicle or equipment from their computer any time of day or night. Along with the Scheduler and Status report will be a link to the current PM report that is updated each month. The link to this report will continue to be sent out each month to your department's Fleet liaison as a reminder. This will be viewable to all who have access to the intranet and available by password to those who do not. Our goal is to provide usable information in a convenient and easy to use format. Questions? Contact Brad Wright at 533-5350.

JUST A REMINDER...

Fleet Management will be closed for inventory on Wednesday and Thursday September 29th and 30th. We will re-open on Friday, October 1, 2010.