

## Miscellaneous Ramblings.....

Another irreverent interlude from my office to yours. John Julis



A New Year and I trust that we all have new attitudes... I know I have. If business is flat or down, we need to dig in and work harder to make it better rather than just lament about where it has gone. With about 100,000 of our young potential customers in Iraq, we should be looking for other avenues of business until they return.

Is anyone else tired of the elections/candidates or the ads? I'll bet that if you aren't by now, you'll be ready to stick some sharp objects in your ears by November! Many of the candidates "camped out" in Iowa and wondered why they had poor showings in the other states. Political science... or rocket science?

We all should mourn the passing of Wally Parks considering what he did for our industry. Without organized drag racing, we would not have the myriad of products we sell today. A trip to an NHRA National Event will open anyone's eyes. The people and pageantry leave me awestruck. The performance by the competitors makes all of us shake our collective heads and wonder where all the speed and power came from. R.I.P. Wally.

I guess Toyota has their "mojo" working in NASCAR. Early test sessions show the T-brand with six of the top ten fastest cars! Richard Childress best get his stuff together, unless he is "sandbagging." His three teams are among the slowest during January tests.

A first grade teacher decided to give her class part of some popular proverbs and see what answer the kids would come up with. These are from a list of 22 funny ones:

- Strike while... the bug is close.
- It's always darkest... before Daylight Savings Time.
- Don't bite the hand... that's dirty.
- You can't teach an old dog... new math.
- If you lie down with dogs, you'll... stink in the morning.
- Two's company, three's... the Musketeers.
- Children should be seen and not... spanked or grounded.
- A penny saved is... not much.
- A bird in the hand... is going to poop on you.
- You can lead a horse to water, but... how?
- An idle mind is... the best way to relax.
- Where there's smoke there's... pollution.

And my favorite:

- Better late than... pregnant.

A part time Midland, TX city councilman was being interviewed on a local radio talk show about allegations of torture to Iraqi prisoners. His reply prompted ejection from the studio but thunderous applause from his constituents. "If hooking up a car battery to an Iraqi prisoner's private parts saves one Texas GI's life, then I only have two things to say: "Red is positive. Black is negative."

I guess that I have been living under a rock because I just discovered a very interesting web site. [www.judicialwatch.org](http://www.judicialwatch.org) is fascinating, as it shows the indiscretions of the people we elected, or those attempting to get elected. Their mission, according to their site, is to "promote transparency" in government. Hurray!

Why athletes can't have real jobs...

- Florida football coach said, "You guys line up alphabetically by height. And you guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle."
- Boxing's Dan Duva rings in on Mike Tyson's reconnecting with promoter Don King: "Why would anyone expect him to come out smarter? He went to prison, not Princeton."
- New Orleans saint RB George Rogers when asked about the upcoming season: "I want to rush for 1000 or 1500 yards, whichever comes first."
- Senior basketball player at U of P: "I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes."
- Utah Jazz president on a former player: "What is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?" He said, "Coach. I don't know and I don't care."

AT & T fired President John Walter after nine months stating that he lacked "intellectual leadership." He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps Mr. Walter is more intelligent than they gave him credit for?

Modesto CA's Richard King attempted to hold up the Bank of America without a weapon. Mr. King tried using his thumb and finger to simulate a weapon. It all went wrong when he took his hand out of his pocket. I guess the bank people are still laughing.

That's all for this time.....Get well Mr. Van Cleve!

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