

Miscellaneous Ramblings.....

Another irreverent interlude from my office to yours. John Julis



While we were asleep, our elected Senate is attempting to pass bill #S.2433. This is called the Global Poverty Act, and it allows the U.N. to have our tax dollars to disburse, around the world, as they see fit. This program would cost us an additional \$845 billion (over the \$300 billion we now give in foreign aid)!!! That means they can take our money and give it to some third-world despot and he can spend it any way he chooses. We must get involved! If you are comfortable with email, you can find your senator at www.ussenate.gov.

I trust that all who attended the conference program, had some great meetings. I know our group (Fragola Performance) had great interest in the "First Time Meeting Room." For the first time I heard more negative comments on the lunches. Saw many in the restaurants paying their own.

Why is it that people who can't tell us it will rain or not next weekend CAN tell us that the polar ice cap will melt in 10 years unless we all drive a Prius?

A man boarded a plane with six kids. After he got them all seated, a lady across the aisle asked: "Are those all your kids?" The man replied, "No, I work for a condom company and they are customer complaints."

Those of you attending the conference, know that you are in Arizona in September when:

The best parking spot is determined by shade rather than distance.

The seat belt buckle becomes a branding iron.

You can steer your car with just two fingers.

The night temp drops below 95 and you feel chilly.

New Stock Market Terms

C.E.O. ~ Chief Embezzlement Officer

C.F.O. ~ Chief Fraud Officer

Value Investing ~ Buying low and selling lower.

Broker ~ What my broker has made me.

Financial Planner ~ A guy whose phone is disconnected.

Market Correction ~ A day after you buy stocks.

Cash Flow ~ The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

Standard & Poor ~ Your life in a nutshell.

P/E Ratio ~ The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

Bear Market ~ A 6-18 month period when the kid gets no allowance, the wife gets no jewelry and the husband gets no sex.

Profit ~ A archaic term we no longer use.

A Couple More Stock Market Terms

Bull Market ~ A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius.

Stock Analyst ~ The idiot who just downgraded your stock.

Institutional Investor ~ Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse.

In typical corporate excess, the C.E.O. of WaMu received roughly \$20 million severance package after only 17 days on the job! Our elected officials are still scratching their collective heads and wondering why the American public is against this \$700 billion bailout for financial institutions?

The Geico Insurance gecko was thought up by the Martin Agency in the year 2000. Aside from the verbal pun with similar sounding names, he was born out of necessity. The Screen Actors Guild was on strike and actors for movies and commercials were unavailable. The original voice was Kelsey Grammar, but in 2005 the voice was changed from an annoying upper-crust Brit to a helpful lizard with a Cockney accent.

Anyone else sleep through the last few NASCAR races? Their "micro-management" of every single thing on the race car has sanitized the racing to the point where it isn't even interesting. Oh, and the endless commercials... I counted 6 in a row with a brief 30 seconds of yellow flag laps and back to 6 more commercials at Kansas. In my opinion, as long as Daytona is making money, we will never again have real racing.

A father asked his 10-year old son if he knew about the birds and the bees.

"I don't want to know," the child said, bursting into tears. "Promise me you won't tell me."

Confused, the father asked what was wrong.

The boy sobbed, "When I was six, I got the 'There's no Easter Bunny' speech.

At seven, I got the 'There's no Tooth Fairy' speech.

When I was eight, you hit me with the 'There's no Santa' speech.

If you're going to tell me that grown-ups don't really have sex, I'll have nothing left to live for."

That's all for now.

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