

## THE COMMUNICATOR

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Month of September has a whole new meaning for not only Americans but the world. In the past, back to school was the heaviest thing on our minds. Should we buy the 24 pack of crayons or the 2500 pack with the built in sharpener? (What is the color "Puce" anyway?) Never will September be that simple again. Although the 3016 lives lost on Sept.11th was a far smaller number than we had anticipated on that horrible morning, the impact of it is immeasurable. Try to remember what you felt like that morning. So many things that you and I thought were unbelievable or never even could conceive of happened on that morning. The pain was felt globally. The news showed people all over the world weeping for the pain of people they had never met. It took the most evil act imaginable to bring out the best in us. I noticed after that morning people were kinder to each other for a while. I saw a two motorists exchanging pleasant gestures as one asked and was allowed by the other to change lanes in front of him. I witnessed final gestures of

'thank you' and 'your welcome' and it was obvious to me that these people were effected as I had been by Sept. 11th. I know it sounds small and insignificant but it spoke volumes. Let that 'best in us' stay on the surface, The death toll that started that day continues to rise. In Iraq alone it has risen to over 430; more than half of them since the war "ended". Bali, Afghanistan, Pakistan...it continues. This month and of course throughout the year try to remember how inspired you were to do good or at least how you felt for those who were not so fortunate. From the veterans in this country to the astronauts to the local Police and Fire Departments, people are sacrificing for the American way of life. Let us honor them by remembering them. By the way, in addition to lecturing and preaching, were pretty good at installing phone systems and cabling too.



Greg Gonzales, President

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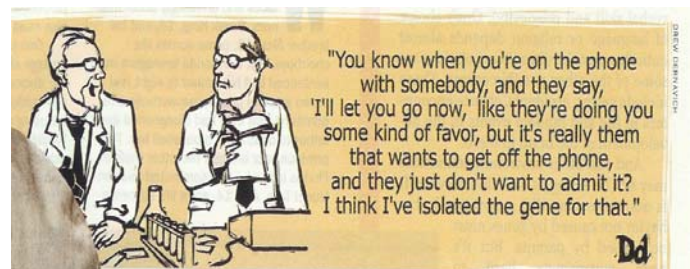


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"I think 640K should be fast enough for anybody"

Bill Gates 1981

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### THINK AGAIN

*One of the great mental laws is the Law of Substitution. This means that the only way to get rid of a certain thought is to substitute it for another. You cannot dismiss a thought directly. You can do so only by substituting it for another. If I say to you, "Do not think of the Statue of Liberty," of course, you immediately think of it. If I say, "I am not going to think of the Statue of Liberty," that is thinking about it. But if you become interested in something else, you forget all about the Statue of Liberty--and this is a case of substitution. When negative thoughts come to you, do not fight them, but think of something positive. Preferably think of God; but if that is difficult at the moment, turn your attention to something quite different; something peaceful.*

### THINK AGAIN; LITERALLY

- Mr. Incarceration.*
- 64: Betty Ford opens up her self-named clinic for substance abusers. *I wonder if they had a party to celebrate.*
  - 65: Fran Lee, New York activist, pushed through the "pooper scooper" law requiring dogs to clean up after the owners while walking them.
  - 66: Michelangelo completes The Last Judgment fresco in the Sistine Chapel.
  - 67: John Rock, gynecologist, (no pun intended) begins testing the birth control pill.
  - 68: Lionel Barrymore appears as mean old Mr. Potter in *It's a Wonderful Life*.
  - 69: Brigham Young fathers his 56th and last child. *Damn, that's a lot of tuition, he's better off opening his own college.*
  - 70: Shigechiyo Izumo takes up smoking for the first time. *You're never too old to die young.* (He lived to 120)
  - 71: Nelson Mandela is released from a South African prison after 27 years.
  - 72: Peter Roget finishes/completes/finalizes/concludes compiling his Thesaurus.
  - 73: Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and head of the Warren Commission, releases it's report on the JFK assassination, ruling that there was no conspiracy. *(just a bunch of really weird coincidences, or maybe the one armed man did that one too).*
  - 74: Albert Einstein announces his Unified Field Theory. (it does not hold up)
  - 75: Cecil B. DeMille directs the 10 Commandments.
  - 76: Thomas Jefferson starts designing the buildings and curriculum for the University of Virginia
  - 77: John Glenn returns to space after an absence of several decades.
  - 78: H.G. Wells, a drop out at 14, earns his doctorate from London University.
  - 79: Moses encounters the burning bush.
  - 80: Jessica Tandy and George Burns win their first Oscars for *Driving Miss Daisy* and *The Sunshine Boys* respectively.

### The History of Communications (*more or less*)

- 1946 -- First commercial multi-channel high frequency microwave radiotelephone system in Bell System is introduced in southern California as well as between Nantucket (MA) and the mainland. Mobile telephone service placed in commercial use in St. Louis
- 1948 -- June 29th marked the installation of the 30,000,000th telephone in the Bell System.
- 1952 -- February 8th sees the field trial of handset shoulder rests. November 18th marked the installation of the 50,000,000 th telephone (on the desk of President Eisenhower)
- 1955 -- March 18th marks the announcement of the initial trial installation of electronic switching for Morris, Illinois. Recorded announcements of disconnects and changed numbers to be used in some small dial offices.
- 1959 -- The Bell System introduces the Call Director telephone in January. On April 12th, Washington, D.C. becomes the biggest metropolitan area to date to be fully equipped for Direct Distance Dialing. AT&T establishes their Marketing Department on April 15th. In July, the New York PSC approves New York Company's proposal for an additional charge for unlisted telephone numbers. On August 20th, Bell Laboratories announces development of a self-contained electronic artificial larynx for persons who have lost their voices through surgical removal or paralysis of the vocal cords. September sees the introduction, in selected areas, of the Princess telephone produced in white, beige, pink, blue and turquoise.

**Call Darren Stevens, it's time to party!**



### @ THE AGE OF... *there's always time for greatness*

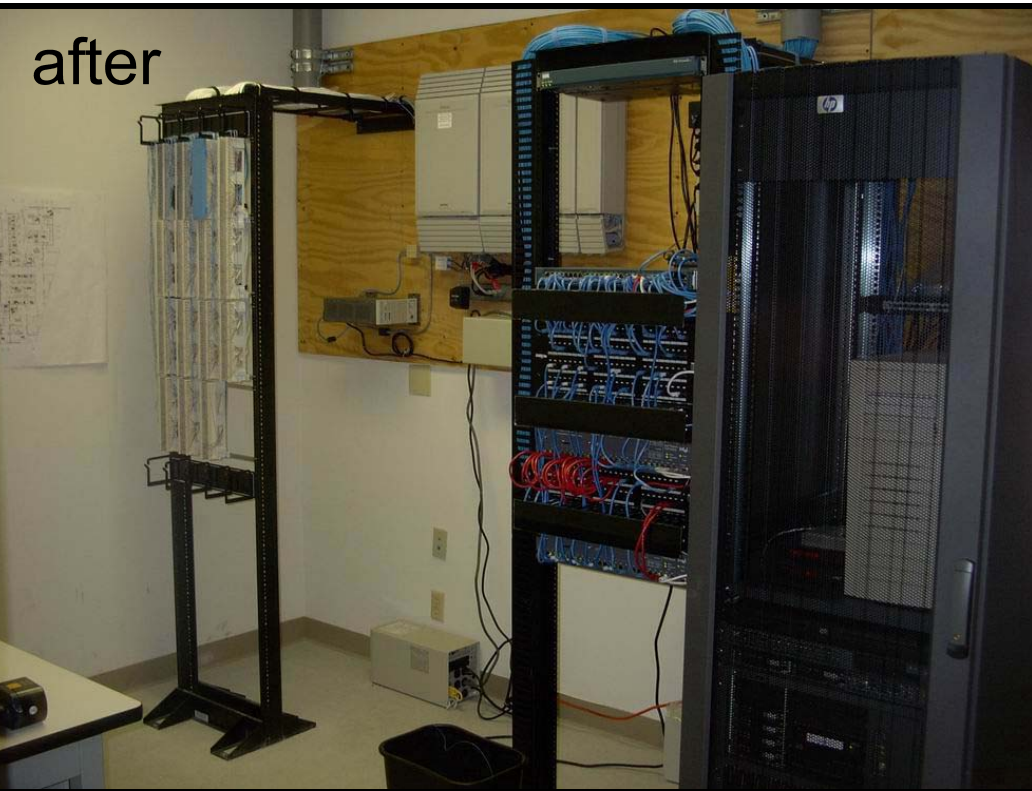
- 61: Harry Truman decides to drop the bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to hasten the end to World War II.
- 62: Jimmy Hoffa disappears. His middle name is Riddle. REALLY! (trust me)
- 63: Hugh Hefner marries 26 year old Miss 1988. *If she were Miss 1963, he'd be*



Nothing rhymes with 'month', 'purple', or 'nostril'.



Americomm would like to thank one of our valued clients, DRC Services Group; for entrusting us with the cabling of their new facility and the relocation of their Norstar PBX and voicemail system. DRC is a large collection agency, and with 125 phones and computers to be cabled and activated by September 2, our responsibility to the client was immense. With all the considerations and headaches DRC had to deal with moving an office of this size, part of our primary goal and commitment, other than the obvious, is to make sure the customer feels at ease with at least the voice and data aspect of the move process. Of course there came a time or two towards the end when the client asked if all would be well on the morning of Tuesday Sept. 2nd, to inquire is their responsibility. We reassured them that all phones and computers would be functional by then; this is our responsibility,



and it was met. All phones and computers were up and running without exception.

We all realize that moving, be it your home or office or whether you have 3 or 300 employees, is a Herculean effort. If you have a company you can truly trust with certain issues, the electrician, the cubicle company, the computer or phone vendor etc; then you can concentrate more on the topics of the move that require more of your attention.

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## Do-not-spam list favored, study finds

## Senate expected to vote on anti-spam bill in next week

Three out of four Americans favor a "do not spam" registry to keep unwanted e-mail at bay, according to a survey released in July as the Senate prepared to vote on the issue before its August break. The survey of some 1,200 Internet users found broad support for an idea that so far has attracted scant support in Congress.

Patterned after the Federal Trade Commission's popular "do not call" registry of households that do not wish to hear from telemarketers, the list would theoretically allow Internet users to make their inboxes off-limits to the online marketers whose unsolicited offers now make up nearly half of all e-mail traffic. The registry has found an advocate in Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, who hopes to include a do-not-spam proposal in an anti-spam bill that could come up for a vote in the Senate as soon as this week. "This survey bolsters the arguments I've been making for a more comprehensive approach to dealing with spam, including the creation of a no-spam registry," Schumer said.

In testimony before Congress, the FTC has been lukewarm to the idea. Critics say the list would be widely ignored by spammers and would divert resources better spent tracking down those who peddle dubious get-rich-quick schemes. "We don't think that it's an effective way to spend money that would go toward (anti-spam) enforcement,"

said Ari Schwartz, associate director of the Center for Democracy and Technology, a nonprofit technology-policy group.

After years of false starts, observers expect Congress to pass some sort of national anti-spam law this year.

On Monday, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist called spam "a menace." Staffers say the Senate probably will vote on an anti-spam bill before it adjourns for its summer recess next week. Schumer declined to say whether he would block the existing bill if it did not include the do-not-spam provision.

In the House of Representatives, members of the Energy and Commerce Committee have delayed a vote on the issue until September as they hammer out a compromise between two competing bills. The survey was conducted July 15 by the ePrivacy Group, a technology company that markets anti-spam products, and the Ponemon Institute, a privacy consulting firm.





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Today, someone sits in the shade thanks to someone else who planted a tree 100 years ago; the end depends on the beginning.

## TOTALLY USELESS INFORMATION:

- c 17,000: People murdered annually in the U.S.  
*Which wouldn't be so bad if it were the right 17,000.*
- c 73: % of those on death row voted Republican.
- c 1988: year unemployment was at 28% in San Antonio, TX.
- c 12,000,000: people globally that have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's; Charlton Heston most recently.
- c 13: feet in length the Ribbon Worm (Nemertinea) is known to grow.
- c 8: % Of the Earth's surface is covered by tropical rain forest.
- c 50: % of all growing wood is in rain forests.
- c 40: % of all species of animals and plants also reside in the rain forests.  
*(Those last 3 were for the tree-huggin' hippie crowd; peace my brother.)*
- c 12: Billion coins the U.S. Treasury Mint produces in one year. *Every one of which ends up in my dad's front right pocket.*
- c 4200: Feet is the span of the Golden Gate Bridge.
- c 10: Number of commandments God gave Moses on Mt Sinai in 1200 B.C.
- c 10: Number of commandments 96% of Americans admit to breaking. *(4% are big fat liars)*
- c 226: U.S. Dimes in a one foot stack.
- c 152: Sacagawea Dollars in a one foot stack.
- c 200: U.S. Dimes in one pound.
- c 56: Sacagawea Dollars in one pound.
- c 16: Number of cars in the first Hot Wheels series.
- c 11:35: Shortest verse in the King James Bible; "Jesus wept." in the book of John
- c 22: Normal number of teeth adult groundhogs, prairie dogs and squirrels have.
- c 288: Years it would take to sleep in all of the hotel rooms in Las Vegas.
- c 130: Americans die falling out of bed each year.
- c 33: % of respondents refused to take part in surveys (SEE MY THUMB...)
- c 55: Percentage of all E-mail that is spam, but not for long (See article on page 3).

**The longest word typed entirely by one hand: "Stewardesses"**

