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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

My goodness! It is nearing the end of the Lions year. It doesn't seem any time at all since our first meeting in Sept., when I looked out at all the faces and my mind went blank. (Okay! You don't need to tell me. My mind is always blank. Thanks a lot.)



Once again, we have had the pleasure and honour of inducting a new member, Bernie Borden. Welcome to the Markham Lions family Bernie and Rita.

Sat. May 3 was a double day. First, in the morning, several members went to the kick off ceremony of the Mayor's "Trees for Tomorrow" campaign. Mr. Scarpitti's goal is to have more trees planted during his present term of office than have been planted over the past ten years. Same day, many Markham Lions worked at the Shania Sunflower of Hope festival at the fair grounds. Then, on May 15 the Mayor attended our meeting and explained his plan further. Sounds good!

A number of us attended both the Milliken Mills and Heritage Lions Clubs' Charter Nights. Both were quite enjoyable. Milliken inducted 7 new members and Heritage is starting a new club which we will be sponsoring since they are very new themselves.

We have all been REALLY BUSY this month. As well the aforementioned, we did Fireworks, Flowers, barbecuing burgers and dogs for the Hip Hip Hooray and Wm. Arm-

strong P.S. Fun Fair. Also many members attended the new officers training. After all the work, we had to play. I want to thank Lions Tim and George for arranging an enjoyable evening at Heron-gate Barn Dinner Theatre. Good food and many hearty laughs.

The MDA convention was held this past weekend in Toronto.

It was very interesting and informative as well as a lot of fun. I met many fellow Lions from all over Ontario. The guest speaker on Sat. evening was the gentleman who will be next year's president of Lions Clubs International. He told us some great news. Because of Lions Sight First 11, Lions International has been nominated by ex U.S.A. President Jimmy Carter, for the NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we won! Every one of us would be part of it. More good news! Lion Carl Young was elected International Director for 2009-2011. Next years MDA will be held in North Bay. What a good excuse to take a mini vacation.

It sounds as though June will be another busy month. Settler's Day at the museum June 14, Pancake Breakfast at Whittamores, followed closely by more Fireworks.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your president. I'm sure Lion Jack will do a superb job next year.

Lion Grace

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Dear fellow Lions,

I want to update you on LCIF's response to the devastating 7.9 magnitude earthquake that struck central China on Monday, May 12. LCIF is mobilizing US\$1.5 million to aid Lions-led relief efforts in China.

Lions and LCIF are already responding to the powerful, massive earthquake. Lions in Hong Kong and Macau have raised US\$600,000 and LCIF has committed an initial grant of US\$500,000 to address immediate needs and provide medicines, clothing, blankets, water purification and temporary housing.

Local Lions have already sent 5,000 tents for displaced victims, and more are on the way. Through a vast network of Lions club members in Hong Kong and China, Lions and LCIF are also dispatching relief teams to the affected areas to deliver supplies and assist with hands-on relief efforts.

The Foundation expects donations from Lions around the world to surpass US\$400,000 in the first week. Your donations will support both immediate and long-term reconstruction efforts. Every dollar that you donate will go directly toward the relief efforts in China. Please visit the LCIF Web site to contribute.

For more information about LCIF's relief efforts for the Chinese earthquake, please view the Foundation's Web site. This page will continue to be updated regularly with response efforts. Please distribute this release to your local media.

Together, Lions can bring a sense of hope and healing to those greatly affected by this disaster.

Yours in Lionism,
Jimmy M. Ross
Chairperson, LCIF

Membership as of March 31 this year stood at 1271 - way to go!!

All your hard work and efforts are finally showing results - the District had, as of March 31, twelve more members than on July 1 last year, the start of our Lions year.

I know of several inductions since March 31 so we can hopefully expect our present total to be even higher today.

A sincere thanks to all of you for "just asking" and let's keep it up - hopefully we will pass the 1300 mark by year end on June 30 this year.

Aloha eh
Lion Dick Peel DG A-16

90% of men kiss their wife goodbye when they leave the house.

The rest kiss their house goodbye when they leave the wife.

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Pic Time



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Hospital Gala



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Announcement



“IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT”
TO ALL LIONS, LIONESS AND LEOS
ACROSS MD”A”



*On June 7th 2008, an important and exciting event will take place at the
 Holiday Inn Select, 970 Dixon Road, Toronto*

Our International President, Mahendra Amarasuryia will preside and officiate at the chartering of at least 5 new Lions Clubs in District A711

This event is all the more significant because it occurs exactly 91 years after the first Lions Club was chartered on June 7th 1917

Come and be a part of this historical occasion.

We have negotiated a special room rate at the Holiday Inn for this occasion.

King Bedded room \$109, Two bedded room \$119.

Tickets are only \$45.00 per person.

BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW

Dress: Black Tie or Business Suit

To participate in this momentous event, please contact:-

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April 10, 2008 Director's Meeting

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The Board Meeting was held at the Police Station Community Room on Thursday, March 20, 2008. Vice President Jack MacBride called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

In attendance were Lions Jack McBride, Mandy Galloway, Ken Tranter, Jack Dawson, Dave Galloway, Jim Doak, Ken Harris, Ken Drynan, Steve Kowalchuk, George McKelvey, John Styles, Don Way, Larry Tod, Fred Sheehy, Mike Hiatt and Alan Webber.

Secretary Mandy Galloway read the minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting.

MOTION – Moved by Lion George McKelvey, seconded by Lion Alan Weber to accept the March 20, 2008 minutes as read. Accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from Lion Dave Sampson given to Secretary

Update on his campaign from Lion Carl Young given to Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION the Treasurers report was accepted on motion of Lion Ken Tranter and seconded by Lion George McKelvey. Accepted. The report of funds released was read.

COMMITTEES

Health Services –Lion Bill Hosking will look after the Health Committee while Lion Bill Milligan is away. John Leadbetter will supply all the

condiments, cups, plates and the ice cones. We are getting a lot of publicity from the Shania Sunflower of Hope Fun Fair.

MOTION – Moved by Lion Larry Tod, seconded by Lion Tim Armstrong that we make a donation of \$300.00 to the 1st Markham Rangers and ask them to help with the Shania Day and the Food Booth. Accepted.

Major Projects – Lion Mike Hiatt spoke about a possible catering job for our club.

Bulletin – Lion Dave Galloway is working on a bulletin.

Membership - Lion Ken Harris spoke about Bernie Borden and asked approval to visit and interview Bernie.

MOTION – Moved by Lion Ken Harris, seconded by Lion Fred Sheehy, that we accept Bernie Borden as a new member to our Club. Passed.

A committee meeting will be held at Lion Ken's house on April 18, 2008.

A letter will be sent to Lion Ken McFarlane.

MOTION – Moved by Lion Ken Harris, seconded by Lion Tim Armstrong, that we initiate the termination of Lion Ken McFarland. Accepted.

Sick and Visiting – It was reported that Lion Eddie Mees is seeing a chiropractor.

Programme - Lion Alan Weber reminded us that on April 17th we will be at the Heritage United Church, Lion Ron Chambers is the two-minute speaker and the committee is Lions Mike Hiatt and Bryan Gray. May 8th is the next director's meeting. Lion Alan Weber took a fire safety course and got 100%.

There is another fire safety course being offered on May 23, 2008.

Social and Convention - Lion Tim Armstrong thanked Lion George McKelvey for selling the Herongate Theatre tickets. Lion Tim said see you at the convention. Lion George said the 65th Charter Night is at the Markham Civic Centre on November 8th, 2008. Also we want to invite the Lions who have left our club.

Historian – Lion Jack Dawson has heard back from Trillium and they had a long list of very peculiar questions that they want answered. Several Lions will supply the answers.

Flowers – Lion Jack Dawson said order forms are all out to the Lions and to SELL, SELL, SELL.

Auditors - Lion Fred Sheehy thanked Lion Dave Galloway for the Wedding Show books and Lion Fred has audited the Wedding Show. Total loss of 2006 and 2007 is \$593.55 and this will be written off as a bad debt.

MOTION – Moved by Lion Fred Sheehy, seconded by Lion Tim Armstrong, that we accept the auditor's report. Accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm on motion of Lion Fred Sheehy and seconded by Lion George McKelvey.

Lion Mandy Galloway
Secretary,
Markham Lions Club



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Recognition

(Excerpt From Lions Recognition Manual)

We said earlier that recognition is "acknowledgement with a show of appreciation." But let's go a little further.

For the most part, recognition can be categorized in one of two ways: formal or informal. Both types are important if an organization hopes to have a truly well-balanced approach to acknowledging the efforts of its members.

Formal Recognition

Recognition can be a **reward** for a special achievement.

This is usually something awarded to an individual, maybe at a special function or event. It might be a certificate, medal, plaque, or pin informing all of the achievement. The rewards that are typically associated with recognition are usually part of a **formal recognition program**, such as the 100% District Governor Award that is given to district governors for meeting a specific set of criteria that indicate exemplary service in their role.

Lions Clubs International has a highly extensive formal recognition program to reward Lions for special achievement. The program encompasses individuals from Leos to government officials, and from new members to international presidents. The criteria for these awards are clearly defined; and in most cases, recognition is at a ceremony or event where Lions (and in some cases non-Lions) may be invited to witness the honor.

The Guide to Awards & Recognition, the companion piece to this booklet, provides information about all of these programs. The guide provides a listing of all current awards, certificates, plaques, banners, and pins available to recognize Lions (and non-Lion supporters) formally. The guide is easy to use and is color-coded to indicate the nature of the awards by the intended

recipients. For each award, it describes:

- Award name
- Type
- Recipient
- Criteria/requirements
- Procedure for obtaining
- When it is issued

The Guide to Awards & Recognition may be downloaded from the LCI website, (www.lionsclubs.org).

Informal Recognition

Formal recognition is an important tool for recognizing achievement. However, as an association we must not rely just on the formal recognition programs, the awards, to be the only vehicles for letting

our hard-working members know we appreciate their efforts.

Recognition can also be a more **personal reinforcement** to let someone know you have noticed

something they have done, and you appreciate it. This type of recognition can take many forms, like saying "Thank you," sending them a note, or taking them out for lunch.

While formal recognition is usually planned and awarded after a set of criteria have been met, informal recognition is usually "unexpected" by the recipient and is most effective when it is presented in a "timely" way – as soon as possible after the achievement or good work has been performed.

We must use our creativity to employ personal reinforcement, which may be planned or may be spontaneous...may be in a group or may be one-to-one... may be verbal or may be written...may be tangible or may be just a smile.

What should I be looking for??

A good approach to adopt is:

1. Recognize the **importance of**

every job. Projects require many small tasks that often go unnoticed, but they are critical to the success or failure of the project. Keep the attitude that every task to be done is important – and begin thinking about the small tasks that together produce the big result.

2. Recognize the **quality of performance.** Everyone has his or her own standards and expectations of quality. People want recognition to be earned not given, and they will know when it is not deserved. Consider whether the effort and the result meet or surpass your standards and those of the recipient.

3. Recognize the **person.** Make sure it is the person, not the situation, that is being acknowledged.

How do I get started?

Many successful leaders have found it helpful to develop a list of the performances and behaviors that they feel deserve recognition. They add to the list periodically as they think of new items. Then they watch for those behaviors, **and they recognize them!**

Here are a few ideas to get you started on your own list:

Long-term positive performance such as perfect attendance at meetings

Exceeding expectations in the completion of a fund-raiser

Volunteering for a tough assignment

Helping other members meet their goals or overcome obstacles

Displaying "contagious enthusiasm" in working with other Lions

Making people laugh in a stressful situation

Requesting or accepting additional responsibilities

Going "above and beyond" the expected

performance in completing a project

Keeping a calm composure under pressure

Resolving a conflict

The Lighter Side



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If you need a good laugh, try reading through these children's science exam answers

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour? (brilliant, love this!)

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

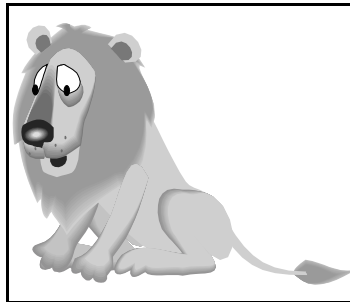
Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)

A: The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?



A: A small lie.

Q: What does 'varicose' mean? (I do love this one...)

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarian Section.'

A: The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome

Q: What does the word 'benign' mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHE R: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: ! Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I.'

MILLIE: I is..

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.



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LFC/LCIF/LIONS NEWS

Dear Club Officers:

This is the last membership-focused newsletter of our leadership year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and dedication as we have striven to embrace the challenge to change. I could not be more proud of what we have accomplished together.

I have had the privilege of visiting Lions in nearly 40 countries and I can tell you that Lions the world over are committed to evolving and adapting so that our light of service shines as brightly in the 21st century as it did in the 20th.

The totals in the most recent membership reports are much more than encouraging. They are spectacular! Since we began our efforts in Chicago last July worldwide membership in Lions Clubs International has risen by 19,182. We are 8,819 ahead of last year's total at this time, virtually assuring that, for the first time in recent memory, we will most likely end the year with a membership that is larger and stronger than the previous year.

Congratulations! You have made this happen. It is clear that your individual efforts to strengthen your club have contributed to a worldwide change in the way that Lions Clubs are perceived in their communities.

A large part of this change is due to the growing number of women in our membership. I am very pleased to report that today, nearly one of every five Lions is a woman and I am proud to say that they are contributing out of proportion to their numbers. They are providing new ideas,

assuming leadership positions and invigorating clubs with their energy and enthusiasm. I know that this trend will continue to the benefit of clubs everywhere and to the entire association.

Across the globe Lions clubs are becoming younger and more diverse. Our new membership paradigm has yielded more than 110,000 family memberships throughout Lions



Clubs International, including more than 1,000 new Lions between the ages of 18 and 29. Again, congratulations on your success! As impressive as these statistics are, to have a lasting impact on our association and our communities, we must consolidate and preserve what we have gained. It is imperative to ensure the ongoing interest and commitment of old and new members by fulfilling the promise of a 21st century Lions Club.

Are your members' needs being met? Does everyone have an opportunity for meaningful, hands-on participation? Are meetings brief and engaging? Are new members being mentored and encouraged to grow as Lions? The time to ask these questions is now, so that you can

provide a vital "snapshot" of your club to next year's leaders.

Although our leadership year is rapidly coming to a close, our responsibilities have not yet ended. As Lions, our greatest responsibility is to the blind people of the world and those in danger of becoming blind. This year we have done much to fulfill that responsibility by exceeding the US\$150 million minimum goal (now at \$165 million as of May 3) in Campaign SightFirst II. The worldwide CSFII week in May was a great success and moved us closer to our US \$200 million challenge goal. Adding this historic achievement to our leadership legacy is within reach! In fact, if every club throughout Lions Clubs International were to dedicate one Melvin Jones Fellowship to Campaign SightFirst II, we would surpass our goal by an impressive margin. I urge you and your club to consider taking this step on behalf of the world's blind and our oldest and most honored service tradition.

Finally it is our responsibility to end the year on a positive note and ensure that the momentum of our hard work carries forward into the coming year. Please be sure that the incoming leadership is well prepared to build upon our successes.

I thank you again for being part of this very important year in Lions' history. I hope to see many of you in Bangkok where we will celebrate our great success in Campaign Sight-First II.

Sincerely,
Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President

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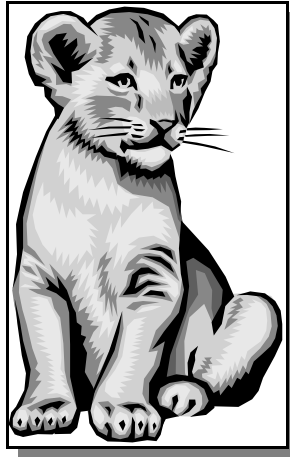
1000th Home

Oak Brook, Illinois (May 22, 2008) –Lions Clubs International Foundation and Habitat for Humanity International are celebrating the construction of the 1,000th house built together worldwide since the partnership between the two organizations began in 2000. The house will be built in a week with Lion members, other local volunteers and Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley in south central Idaho. Construction will begin May 31, and a dedication is scheduled for June 6.

LCIF has pledged \$12 million to Habitat for Humanity to build houses with individuals and families living with physical and mental disabilities. Funding from LCIF and Lions members has enabled families in the United States, South Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Zambia, Ivory Coast, Sri Lanka, Romania, Canada, Belize, India, Hungary and Australia to have a simple, decent and healthy place in which to

live.

“Lions have long been serving the needs of the less fortunate in their



own communities and worldwide,” said LCIF chairperson, Jimmy Ross. “Through this partnership, we have been able to help more than 1,000 families have a better quality of life.”

LCIF is contributing \$22,500 to the project, and the local Twin Falls Lions Club will match that amount. Twenty-eight local contractors are donating their products and services to cover the remaining costs for the house, and others are providing lunches. “This is truly a community build,” said Linda Fleming, executive director of HFH of the Magic Valley. “This is Habitat for Humanity at its best.”

“We are delighted to celebrate with the Lions Clubs the 1,000th house they have built in partnership with Habitat groups around the world,” said Jonathan Reckford, Habitat for Humanity International’s chief executive officer. “This is a remarkable milestone. The emphasis that the Lions Clubs have placed on serving those who are visually impaired or otherwise disabled has allowed us to reach out more effectively to families in need of shelter. We are so grateful for their support.”

Questions and Answers from an AARP Forum

Q: Where can men over the age of 60 find younger, sexy women who are interested in them?

A: Try a bookstore-----under fiction.

Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you are done you will have a place to live.

Q: Someone has told me that menopause is mentioned in the Bible. Is that true? Where can it be found?

A: Yes. Matthew 14:92: 'And Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Egypt'

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 60+ year old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant

Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly-----wrinkles?

A: Take off your glasses

Q: Seriously! What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?

A: Go braless. It will usually pull them out.

Q: Why should 60+ year old people use valet parking?

A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Q: Is it common for 60+ year olds to

have problems with short term memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not a problem, retrieving it is a problem.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where should 60+ year olds look for eye glasses?

A: On their foreheads.

Q: What is the most common remark made by 60+ year olds when they enter antique stores?

A: 'Gosh, I remember these.'



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Three Month Calendar

July

• 28 — 1 Fireworks Sale

• 1— Picnic
Museum

• 10--Board of Director's
Police Station

August

• 14--Board of Director's
Police Station

Sept.

• 4--General Meeting
Lemonville Community Centre
Welcome back/ Ladies Night

• 11--Board of Director's
Police Station

• 18--General Meeting
Grace Church

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This is the final bulletin for the year 2007-2008. I hope you have found it useful, informative and entertaining. Each year I reflect on some means (survey?) to find



out what you like and what you would change were you in charge. In the end I

usually just suggest you give me your feedback. Few do. It is probable that the old adage applies — "You can please some of the people some of the time but you can't please all of the people all of the time."

We live at a time when things are changing rapidly and Lions Clubs are no exception. The Secretaries reports are done electronically now — in fact the annual Activities report is accepted no other way as it would be too much work to aggregate.

Membership data is kept on central computers and available as different types of reports to the club, zone etc. And the new clubs which are being chartered seem to follow a whole new set of rules. We must also adapt to new realities and are. However one reality never changes — everyone loves a joke. Here is one on change and Fathers in recognition of change and Father's Day.

In 1900, fathers passed on clothing to their sons. Today, kids wouldn't touch Dad's clothes if they were sliding naked down an icicle.

In 1900, fathers could count on children to join the family business. Today, fathers pray their kids will soon come home from college long enough to teach them how to work the computer and set the VCR.

In 1900, a father smoked a pipe.

If he tries that today, he gets sent outside after a lecture on throat cancer.

In 1900, fathers shook their children gently and whispered, "Wake up, it's time for school."

Today, kids shake their fathers violently at 4 a.m., shouting: "Wake up, it's time for baseball practice."

In 1900, a father came home from work to find his wife and children at the supper table.

Today, a father comes home to a note: "Jimmy's at baseball, Cindy's at gymnastics, I'm at adult-Ed, Pizza in fridge."

In 1900, fathers and sons would have heart-to-heart conversations while fishing in a stream.

Today, fathers pluck the headphones off their sons' ears and shout, "WHEN YOU HAVE A MINUTE...."