

PUZZLE TIME

Would You Work For This Company?

Do you fancy working for a company that has a little more than 500 employees and has the following statistics?:

- * 29 have been accused of spousal abuse
- * 7 have been arrested for fraud
- * 19 have been accused of writing bad checks
- * 117 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses
- * 3 have done time for assault
- * 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- * 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
- * 8 have been arrested for shoplifting
- * 21 are currently defendants in lawsuits
- * 84 have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year ...

Can you guess which organization this is?

Two Tough Questions

Question 1...If you knew a woman who was pregnant, who had 8 kids already, three who were deaf, two who were blind, one mentally retarded, and she had syphilis, would you recommend that she have an abortion? Read the next question before looking at the response for this one.

Question 2...It is time to elect a new world leader, and only your vote counts. Here are the facts about the three candidates.

Candidate A...Associates with crooked politicians, and consults with an astrologist. He's had two mistresses. He also chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B...He was kicked out of office twice, sleeps until noon, used opium in college and drinks a quart of whiskey every evening.

Candidate C...He is a decorated war hero. He's a vegetarian, doesn't smoke, only drinks an occasional beer and never cheated on his wife.

Which of these candidates would be your choice?

Answers at the foot of column three...

To make you think...

Excuses are the easiest things to manufacture, and the hardest things to sell.

Even the smallest candle burns brighter in the dark.

Never try to leap a chasm in two jumps.

Water which is too pure has no fish.

Laugh alone and the world thinks you're an idiot.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

A drunk man's words are a sober man's thoughts.

Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it back.

Early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

The early bird gets the worm, but the early worm gets eaten.

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

Silence is wise if we are foolish, but foolish if we are wise.

Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.

Be bold in what you stand for and careful what you fall for.

Believe your beliefs and doubt your doubts.

ONE FOR THE WOMEN... ONE FOR THE MEN!

The CIA had an opening for an assassin. After all of the background checks, interviews, and testing were done there were three finalists, two men and a woman.

For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun.

'We must know that you will follow your instructions, no matter what the circumstances.'

Inside this room, you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill her!' The man said, 'You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife.' The agent said, 'Then you're not the right man for this job.'

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. Then the man came out with tears in his eyes.

'I tried, but I can't kill my wife.' The agent said, 'You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home.'

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions to kill her husband.

She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one shot after another. Then the agents heard screaming, crashing, and banging on the walls.

After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman. She wiped the sweat from her brow, and said, 'This gun is loaded with blanks. I had to beat him to death with the chair'

A man placed some flowers on the grave of his dearly departed mother and started back toward his car when his attention was diverted to another man kneeling at a grave.

The man seemed to be praying with profound intensity and kept repeating, "Why did you have to die? Why did you have to die?"

The first man approached him and said, "Sir, I don't wish to interfere with your private grief, but this demonstration of pain is more than I've ever seen before. For whom do you mourn so deeply? A child? A parent?"

The mourner took a moment to collect himself, then replied, "My wife's first husband."

I love this one...

A lawyer walks into his client's death row cell and says, "I've got good news, and bad news for you.

"The prisoner says. "Okay. What's the bad news?"

"The bad news is that the Governor won't issue a stay of your execution...you go to the chair at 7 PM tonight." "Oh, that's horrible. What possibly could be the good news?"

"The good news is that I got your voltage reduced".

Q: What happens when you sing country and western music backwards?

A: You get your wife, job and dog back.

Q: What do you call a funeral where you smell your own flowers?

A: A wedding

Q: What is the difference between ignorance and apathy?

A: I don't know, and I don't care.

Did you see this? Yesterday a 4.2 earthquake shook Liverpool. Over 200 cars were knocked off their bricks.

EUROENGLISH

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF EUROPE

The European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of Europe, rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5-year phase-in plan that would be known as "EuroEnglish":

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. The hard "c" will be dropped in favor of the "k". This should klear up konfusion and keyboards kan have one less letter. There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f".

This will make words like "fotograf" 20% shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be ekspeted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkorage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of the silent "e"s in the language is disgraseful, and they should go away.

By the 4th yar, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "y". During ze fifz year, ze unesenary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaing "ou" and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leteres. After zis fifz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no more trubls or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech ozer.

ZE DREM VIL FINALI KUM TRU!!!!

(Und zen ve vil take over ze world!!!!)

QWIK QUOTES!

"Like a midget in a urinal I knew I had to be on my toes."...Lt. Frank Drebin (Leslie Nielsen), from NAKED GUN

"All I've ever wanted was an honest week's pay for an honest day's work."...Steve Martin in SGT. BILKO

I love nature, in spite of what it did to me!...Bette Midler

The Bolshoi Ballet in Russia has fired one of Russia's best known ballerinas after some of the male dancers complained she was too fat to lift. They called her the nutcracker...Jay Leno

"NASA just released their new report on global warming or, as President Bush, calls it...Spring."...Jay Leno

ANSWERS

Which Company?

It's the 535 members of the United States Congress. The same group that cranks out hundreds of new laws and makes judgements on the rest of us!

Who did you Employ?

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Candidate B is Winston Churchill.

Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

And, by the way, on your answer to the abortion question:

If you said YES, you just killed Beethoven.

And in similar vein...

Q: What's the difference between George Bush and Mussolini?

A: Mussolini was elected.