

NewsBetter Vol 14

"Ape's and monkey's uncles"
(one four you and me!)
(Get it, one four? Hint: Fourteen)

I can't believe it! I let the number 13 slide right by me! NewsBetter Vol 13 went by and I forgot to say a single word about our lucky number! What is my editing coming to?

Anyways, to celebrate thirteen, here's a question.

A building is 130 feet tall. A story is 10 feet. How many floors are on the building?

Answer: Fourteen. Usually, that is. Most buildings skip over the number 13 and go right to 14 because thirteen is unlucky. Check it out sometime! Also, there are very few room 13's out there. And file 13, well, that's the trash! It's amazing how many things out there skip over our beautiful and lucky number 13!

Well, let's start out with the serious, and then work our way to not so serious. Glenn Acheson was kind enough to be not Total Tote Hose (Completely Lame, you had this one before, it's review!) and submitted this here page with a bunch of words on it. Thanks Glenny Pooh, (Okay Okay!...But you know you liked it!) Thanks Glenn, here's your words!

Legal Murder

"Without comment, Robert Gram signed the proclamation that sent John Spenkelink to the electric chair. The day after he signed the warrant people camped out on his front lawn and challenged his standing as a christian." (Sojourners July 10, 1979) He of course felt it was completely within his right. It completely within his legal right, but not within his moral right.

I am going to persuade you to the view that capital punishment is just legal murder. First, I'm going to give a little history of capital punishment. Next I will move on to why it is wrong. Then I will provide statistics to prove my point. And finally, I will give you my solution to this most controversial problem.

"Long ago people in places such as Greece were slain for such trivial things a bringing bad news. Also back then animals were not exempt from execution if convicted. Capital punishment could also get quite brutal not to mention gruesome with methods such as the guillotine or drawing and quartering. Which is where they tie a horse to each limb and drive them in opposite directions." (Insight Vol. 1 1978)

Now today executions are considerably fewer and are the result of more serious crimes. Even though it is a little more civilized it is still wrong. The important question is, why is it so wrong? To find that answer I looked to the great book of knowledge and wisdom. Most of us refer to it as the bible. In John chapter 8, verses 1-11 Jesus was confronted with a woman who was caught in the act of adultery. The pharisees asked Jesus what they should do, because in the Law Moses commanded them to stone such a woman. Jesus doodled around in the dirt before finally replying, "He who is without sin may cast the first stone." The pharisees and the scribes slowly left. When they were gone and just he and the woman were left Jesus asked her, "Woman where are they? Did no one condemn you?" And she said, "No one Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go your own way from now on and sin no more." That is pretty self explanatory.

I got the feeling that we needed more recent material, so I found some statistics. Sojourners July 10, 1979 reads, "People base their position, in part, on the theory that putting some people to death will deter others from committing murder. Despite evidence of numerous sociological studies, statements by prison wardens, and the finding of the U.S. Supreme Court that 'There is no conclusive evidence that the death penalty acts as a deterrent.'"

So as I have shown through proof, reason, and maybe a touch of divine wisdom that the death penalty is wrong and quite pointless. In my eyes there is one simple solution, lets just do away with this most unmoral style of punishment.

Sojourners July 10, 1979, "By 10 a.m. Friday the state of Florida was prepared to carry out its death wish. Governor Bob Graham picked up the phone and ordered the execution to proceed. A sign of hope for all of us might be found, ironically, in the final words spoken between Johnm Spenkelink and Reverend Tom Feamster, his minister and friend. "The last thing that he said to me was that he loved me," Tom Reported. "And the last thing that I said to him was that I loved him." I hope that if nothing else, I've at least made you think a little bit.

Give Me a (Spring) Break (AKA, Great Timing) By Ann the Marie

Hello to all, I'm back upon request to tell you about my Spring Break. Also, need to make special mention to Mr. Kari Malsom that I have received the e-mail he has sent me on occassion, I just have been a bad girl and haven't replied. So, Thanks, Kari! Tesa and I went to Arizona for Spring Break, that you know. What you don't know is that I locked Tesa in the pick-up at Liberal after eating at Long John Silver's Friday evening and had to wait for a cop to save me for more than half an hour, as both locksmiths in town weren't on that particular date. Great timing, that's my life! Anyway, we only got as far as Liberal, KS, the first day. Great time! After getting up on the right side of the bed Saturday morning, we coasted down the mountain into Williams, AZ, at about 9pm that night, and I mean coasted. I stopped to get gas first thing into town, only to find I had ran out of money (Great timing!) and so Todd had to bail me out. The next morning, Todd's sister-in-law whom he lives with (he also lives with his brother, by the way) went into labor and popped a baby girl out around 2 that afternoon. How much excitement can I handle? Well, later during the week we went to a deer farm, petting zoo type of thing for those of you who thought it was a hunter's paradise or something, and then to wrap things up, we took the Grand Canyon Railway to . . . you guessed it. That is, we took the train to a big hole in the ground. Anyway, spent the day there and had a very nice time, even got an opportunity to practice my temper control techniques as Todd and I got into a bit of a tiff, but all in all it was a good experience and proved to both of us that we're in much better condition to be married than we were a year ago. YEAH! So, there you have it, minus a few major details about my beautiful ring that Todd gave me the night I arrived. For more information, see me in person! Hope you all had a splendid Break yourselves, and Happy Easter! And next time Dennis should pop in to see me getting ready for church in the morning when I'm the only one in the house, please make more noise than you did OR scare me enough to go into cardiac arrest for Pete's sake. Who's Pete, anyway?

Riddle Of the Year

What's huge, has blue and white logo, loves mice (or singular) , requires large amounts of memory, but always forgets what it is. Has several patches, none of which are visible, (most the itme), and aLways mAkes tHe sAme mIstake? It's supposed to run, but most of the time, barely crawls, and it even has it's very own network! Give up? (Answer on page - ERROR! General Failure. Continue, Ignore?)

That's right people and computer junkies alike and opposite! Windows 95!

This riddle was brought to you by MRW Programs Anonymous. For more information and other products, call within the next 30 seconds and receive our free 30 Minute guarantee. (From time of shipping) Now, on with the regular programming!

ERROR! General Fault at 1&83:96. Caution, rebooting will restart computer!

Sometimes, technology is very stupid. My first observation of this fact was a time when Kari Malsom was working on his computer. While booting up, Kari realized he had forgotten to plug in the keyboard and an error appeared. "Cannot find Keyboard. Press <F1> to resume." Excuse me? But, how does that work? Isn't that kinda' like incongruous (i.e. ironic) and just plain stupid.

Than their our smell checker's hat doe ant dew sew grate. (Translation: Then there are those spellcheckers that don't do so great.) However, back in the seventh grade, our English teacher had a...well....Apple thingy that would check entire sentences for correct structure. I think that of all the papers I wrote on that thing, I only wrote two grammatical correct sentences. I wish I could give you an example of some the wonderfully correct sentences I did write, but that was SO MANY YEARS AGO! (right)

Then, there is the problem of 00 meaning 1900 instead of 2000 and computers possibly shutting down! I'm not sure just how stupid this is as maybe just no foresight. I guess we'll just have to stop using computers for a year. But hey, at least you'll be really young! Or, quite possibly just dead!

Then, there are those programs that just don't work so well. For example (.e.g.) we have Netscape Navigator for E-mail. But, the manual is online. Okay, so if I can't get my modem to work, I just connect to the manual and read why not. (Um.) That makes about as much sence as including a video tape of how to hook up your VCR. Or a disk that shows you how to hook up your Monitor. Somethings just don't make sense.

Finally, it's technology itself. Anything that makes you have a job, obey a clock, and pay bills when we could be out runnig around hunting and trying to build a fire, can't be all that good. Then again, fire is technology. Or, so say the historians who use technology to figure out what we did when the rest of the world is trying to figure what they're currently doing. Think about it.

I'm not you!

By MRW

If I were you,
 And I were to look at me,
 Then maybe I could see myself.
 But since you aren't I,
 And I aren't you,
 Then the mirror,
 will hafta' do.
 But if I could be you,
 Then a mirror would hold a different point of view.