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Editorial

I note in the *Weekend Australian* that the University of Queensland is advertising a doctorate in creative writing course, which raises the issue of the value and relevance of academic study in the arts, an issue that has troubled the minds of administrators for many years.

I recall helping Peter Botsman the elder in a small way when he was functioning as a one man committee appointed by the then minister for the arts, to inquire into this very matter.

I can't remember the gist of Peter's report but I am still a skeptic about the academic structure having much to do with the creative arts. I've seen fine arts students who couldn't paint or draw for nuts get diplomas, and pieces written by graduate creative writing students that would hardly qualify for inclusion in a high school magazine.

The high or low point for me was on a visit to the Western Australian Academy for Performing Arts where I was told that a combined class of hoofers in a ballet class included students at both CAE (university equivalent) and TAFE levels. Some would get diplomas and some certificates, yet they were dancing at much the same level of skill. (I was being shown around by the acting principal, and actor, Geoff Gibbs, who surprisingly could not remember the name of the other guest when it came to introductions. It was only when I later encountered "the other guest" in Canberra and found him to be a skilled performer and professor of the clarinet that I realised that he must have been a candidate for the principalship and Geoff was suffering a truly Freudian memory lapse!)

I cannot see the point in having a hierarchy of degrees in an artform if there is little evidence that it represents a corresponding hierarchy of competence.

Furthermore, in the classical university, a doctorate was considered to be a licence to teach, and the thought of academic writers teaching others to be academic writers is not enthralling.

If, on the other hand, the degree awarded depends on a level of real achievement in terms of publication or performance of work that the candidate has created, then there could be some merit.

I was annoyed with my local rag, *The West Australian*, which is

steadily declining into a tabloid of the poorer sort and is in some respects inferior to the weekly freebie delivered to my letterbox, and took up an offer to try *The Australian* for a few months.

The *Oz* rates as fair in my experience. It is certainly not in the same league as *The Times* of London or the *New York Times*, which seem to provide more than enough reading for each day and a good solid wad of matter to fill a weekend, but it has a good stable of writers and a surprising range of views, with perhaps a leaning more right than the left.

Greg Sheridan does not write his essay with quite the same fire of yore and Phillip Adams occasionally lapses into banality when he puts on his pretend farmer's hat. Ruth Ostrow's writing is more matronly than I remember. Emma Toms has a delightfully funny, cheeky style which is quite refreshing. Poor Janet Albrechtson was caught out by Media Watch and put up a spirited defence of conservative writers and commentators, asking why Media Watch picked on them only. The admirable Susan Kurosawa edits the travel section and contributes occasional pieces elsewhere. (To me she is admirable, because she once accepted several pieces from me for a magazine and complimented me on my style.)

Coverage of topical events is commendable. There is also a mature focus on educational issues which the media generally tends to trivialise.

Poetry is disappointing. There is generally one poem per week and the size and quality suggests that it has something to do with filling a space.

The Australian's editorials have been disappointing and I suggest, with great respect, that it would be better if the editorial committee did not comment on Telstra, telecasting and the ABC, as they do not seem to be able to muster editorial objectivity on these topics

I have not made up my mind whether to continue. My inclination is to opt out of newspapers altogether, contributing to the steady decline in newspaper readership in the Pacific region, that is probably worldwide.

News & Views

JanetWoods is on a roll!

Dear Walter,

Recently, I was offered a two book contract with Simon & Schuster UK, for a saga set in the south of England. The first, titled, "A Dorset girl" will be simultaneously released in hardcover and paperback, in July 2003. The second book, yet to be written (except for the title!), is called "Beyond the Plough" and will be published the following year. That was the cake.

As icing, at the recent "Romance Writers of Australia" conference in Melbourne, my novel, "Daughter of Darkness" received the "Romantic Book Of The Year" award, in the mainstream section.

Sherry-Anne Jacobs is also prospering, with her 24th book off the press and recent news that she's broken into the list of the top 50 paperbacks sold in the U.K.

Rob Finlayson is the new State Literature Officer in Western Australia.

Rob is a skilled writer with a varied background of experience and is an occasional contributor to PixelPapers. It is an excellent appointment.

His phone no is 94329559 and his website is at <www.writerswritingwa.org> and email to <slo@fremantle.wa.gov.au>

Literature Board of the Australia Council

I note that they have taken the trouble to include brief biographies of some of the board members on the site, similar to those published here in the past.

There are two vacancies and writers with some ideas on how the artform should be supported, should be encouraged to offer for a place. I suspect that application to Richard Alston would probably be the surest way to win a gurnsey!

I've never been able to discern the real mission of the Board and certainly have never been able to fit the criteria for support.

Joker

Why did the chicken cross the road?

PHILLIP RUDDOCK: I don't care why the chicken crossed the road it should be sent back to where it came from. Who knows what might happen if we keep letting any old chicken cross the road. We could be inundated with them. Send them to the farmer up the road a bit and we can pay him to deal with the problem.

JEFF KENNETT: If the chicken did cross the road it should have been fitted with an etag and should pay the same toll as all other road users.

STEVE BRACKS: Regional chickens should have the same opportunities to cross roads as chickens living in Melbourne.

JOHN HOWARD: The chick never crossed the road. And it was not forcibly removed from its mother! Anyway, that's a matter for the states and is

of no interest to us. The united nations should butt out.

KIM BEASLEY: There WAS a chicken and it DID cross the road. This is a deliberate act by the government to hide the fact that chickens continue to cross Australian roads.

NATASHA STOTT-DESPOJA: What if it was not a chicken but a bantam? Minority sectors of our community shouldn't be discriminated against based purely on the size of their eggs and legs.

EVELYN SCOTT: To demonstrate a commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous chickens.

PETER COSTELLO: Accordingly to documentation submitted to the Live Foods Processing Authority, the chicken in question was uncooked at the time of its journey and therefore will not incur a GST charge. However, if that chicken actually crossed the road for profit, regardless of its raw/cooked status, the road crossing would be considered by the ATO to be a service for which GST will be imposed.

PAULINE HANSON: Please explain.

ROBERT DE NIRO: Are you telling me the chicken crossed that road? Is that what you're telling me?

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR: I envision a world where all chickens, be they black or white or brown or red or speckled, will be free to cross roads without having their motives called into question.

GRANDPA: In my day, we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road.
Someone told us that the chicken crossed and that was good enough for us.

REV FRED NILE: Because the chicken is gay! Isn't it obvious? Can't you people see the plain truth in front of your face? The chicken was going to the 'other side'. That's what 'they call it: the 'other side' Yes,my friends.

CAPTAIN JAMES T KIRK: to boldly go where no chicken has gone before.

FOX MULDER: You saw it cross the road with your own eyes. How many more chickens have to cross before you believe it's true?

HANSIE CRONJE: What if I could guarantee that it won't get to the other side?

FREUD: the fact that you are at all concerned that the chicken crossed the road reveals your underlying sexual insecurity. How do you feel about your mother?

THE C.I.A: Who told you about the chicken? Did you see the chicken?
There was no chicken. Please step into the car.

EINSTEIN: Did the chicken really cross the road or did the road move beneath the chicken?

BILL CLINTON: I did not cross the road with THAT chicken. What do you mean by

chicken? Could you define the word 'chicken'.

HOMER SIMPSON: mmmm Chicken

Net Anon

Capitalism

TRADITIONAL CAPITALISM:

- * You have two cows.
- * You sell one and buy a bull.
- * Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows.
- * You sell them and retire on the income.

AMERICAN CAPITALISM (or Enron-capitalism):

- * You have two cows.
- * You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law

at the bank, then execute a debt/equity

swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for five cows.

The milk rights of the six cows are

transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island company secretly owned by the majority shareholder who

sells the rights to all seven cows back to

your listed company. The annual report says the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more. Sell

one cow to buy a new president of the

United States, leaving you with nine cows. No balance sheet provided with the release.

The public buys your
bull.

AN AUSTRALIAN CORPORATION:

- * You have two cows.
- * You sell one, and force the other to produce the milk of four cows.
- * You are surprised when the cow drops dead.

A FRENCH CORPORATION:

- * You have two cows.
- * You go on strike because you want three cows.

A JAPANESE CORPORATION:

- * You have two cows.
- * You redesign them so they are one-tenth the size of an ordinary cow and produce 20 times the milk
- * You then create clever cow cartoon images called Cowkimon and market them worldwide.

A GERMAN CORPORATION:

- * You have two cows.
- * You reengineer them so they live for 100 years, eat once a month, and milk themselves.

A BRITISH CORPORATION:

- * You have two cows.
- * Both are mad.

AN ITALIAN CORPORATION:

- * You have two cows, but you don't know where they are.
- * You break for lunch.

A RUSSIAN CORPORATION:

- * You have two cows.
- * You count them and learn you have five cows.
- * You count them again and learn you have 42 cows.
- * You count them again and learn you have 12 cows.
- * You stop counting cows and open another bottle of vodka.

A SWISS CORPORATION:

- * You have 5000 cows, none of which belong to you.
- * You charge others for storing them.

A CHINESE CORPORATION:

- * You have two cows.
- * You have 300 people milking them.
- * You claim full employment, high bovine productivity, and arrest the newsman who reported the numbers.

A NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION:

- * You have two cows.
- * That one on the left is kinda cute...

Even More from Nigeria (MANY THANKS FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THIS EXTENSIVE FILE BUT IT IS GETTING TO BE TEDIOUS AND WE INTEND TO DROP IT AFTER THIS TRULY MAGNIFICENT BURST OF CREATIVE WRITING. THE THEME IS SOMEWHAT REPETITIOUS AND SURELY PUSHES THE ENVELOPE OF CREDULITY.)

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SIR,

IT IS WITH A HEART FULL OF HOPE THAT I WRITE

SOLICITING FOR YOUR STRICT

CONFIDENCE IN THIS TRANSACTION. THIS IS BY VIRTUE OF

ITS NATURE AS BEING

CONFIDENTIAL AND TOP SECRET. I HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY MY

FAITH THAT YOU ARE TRUST WORTHY AND YOUR ABILITY AND

RELIABILITY TO EXECUTE A TRANSACTION OF GREAT

MAGNITUDE.

I AM AN ACCOUNTANT WITH BEACON NIG. LTD. A FOREIGN OIL
COMPANY BASED

IN LAGOS, NIGERIA. BEACON WAS INVOLVED IN PROSPECTING,
DRILLING AND BUNKERING

OF OIL AT HIGH SEA (OFFSHORE), WITH EXPATRIATE

CONSISTING MAJORITY OF

THE STAFF STRENGTH.

UNFORTUNATELY, THESE EXPATRIATES GOT INTO AN ILLEGAL

SALE OF OIL AND

THE MONEY FROM IT TRANSFERRED THROUGH A SECURITY

COMPANY OUT OF THE COUNTRY

BUT WITH A SECURITY STAMP ON IT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA DISCOVERED THE ILLEGAL DEAL, REVOKED THEIR LICENCE AND THE EXPATRIATES WERE REPATRIATED.

SO, BY VIRTUE OF MY POSITION AS THE ACCOUNTANT OF THE COMPANY, I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION DOCUMENTS CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT FOUR OF THESE TRUNK BOXES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECURITY COMPANY. THE CONTENT OF THESE BOXES IS ELEVEN MILLION UNITED STATES DOLLARS (US\$11M).

I HAVE PUT IN AN APPLICATION WITH THE SECURITY COMPANY TO TRANSFER THESE BOXES TO THEIR CORRESPONDENCE OFFICE IN AMERICA OR EUROPE WHICH THEY HAVE OBLIGED. AND BEING THAT THIS DEAL WAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY FOREIGN FIRM, I NEED A TRUSTWORTHY FOREIGNER LIKE YOU THAT WILL ASSIST ME TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION OF THIS PENDING BUSINESS WHICH BOTH OF US WILL BOUND TO BENEFIT EARNESTLY.

ALL I NEED FROM YOU IS TO STAND BEFORE THE SECURITY COMPANY AND SIGN AS ONE OF EXPATRIATES TO ENABLE YOU CLAIM THE MONEY AND PAY IT INTO YOUR BANK ACCOUNT. PLEASE, NOTE THAT THIS TRANSACTION IS 100% RISK-FREE, FOR EVERY MACHINERIES HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

REMEMBER, THAT I HAVE WITH ME ALL THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS THAT WILL PROVE THAT THE MONEY IS FOR US. I

EXPECT YOU TO BE TRUSTWORTHY AND KIND ENOUGH TO KEEP MY OWN SHARE, WHEN THE MONEY HIT YOUR ACCOUNT. I HEREBY AGREE TO COMPENSATE YOUR SINCERE AND CANDID EFFORT IN THIS REGARD WITH 25% OF THE FUND AFTER THE TRANSFER AND 5% (PERCENT) WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR ANY EXPENSES BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION, TELEPHONE BILLS ETC. WILL BE SETTLED FROM THIS PERCENTAGE, WHILE 70% WILL BE FOR ME AND THE OTHER OF MY COLLEAGUE. THIS DEAL WILL BE CONCLUDED WITHIN SEVEN (7) WORKING DAYS.

I WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU, AND SOLICIT YOUR CONFIDENTIALITY IN THIS TRANSACTION. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THIS PROPOSAL.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,
MR AHMED GARBA

NB: Please include your Tel & Fax NO. in your reply e-mail.

Attn: Contact ,

My name is Mr. Oluwafunmi G, the manager, credit and foreign bills of Ecobank Plc. I am writing in respect of a foreign customer of my bank with account number 14-255-2004/utb/t who perished in a plane crash

[Korean Air Flight 801] with the whole passengers aboard on August 6, 1997.

Since the demise of this our customer, I personally has watched with keen interest to see the next of kin but all has proved abortive as no one has come to claim his funds of usd.20.5 m, [twenty million five hundred thousand united states dollars] which has been with my branch for a very long time.

On this note, I decided to seek for whom his name shall be used as the next of kin as no one has come up to be the next of kin. And the banking ethics here does not allow such money to stay more than four years, because money will be recalled to the bank treasury as unclaimed after this period. In view of this I got your contact through a trade journal after realizing that your name and country is similar to the deceased. I will give you 25% of the total.

Upon the receipt of your response, I will send you by fax or e-mail the application, bank's fax number and the next step to take. I will not fail to bring to your notice that this business is hitch free and that you should not entertain any fear as all modalities for fund transfer can be finalized within five banking days, after you apply to the bank as a relation to the deceased.

When you receive this letter. Kindly send me an e-mail signifying

Your decision including your private Tel/Fax numbers

for quick communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Oluwafunmi G.

ubject:

URGENT ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Date:

Mon, 22 Jul 2002 20:33:15 +0100

From:

"BALA USENI" <bala_useni@mail.com>

To:

pixpress@iinet.net.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is BALA USENI, the eldest son of rtd. General JEREMIAH. J. T. USENI who was the EST-while Minister of the Federal Capital territory Abuja in the late General Sani Abacha's Regime of 1993-1998.

I am contacting you in a benevolent spirit, utmost confidence and trust to enable us provide a solution to a money transfer of \$60M that is presently putting my entire family into great disarray. You may be quite surprised at my sudden contact to you but do not despair, I got your contact from a business site on the internet and following the information I gathered about you, I was convinced that

you could be of assistance to me. So, I decided to contact you at once due to the urgency required for us to immediately transfer the said funds out of the country.

During the time my father was in the government with the late General Sani Abacha as the head of state, they were both involved in several deals that yielded Billions of Dollars. The prominent amongst the deals was monies that emanated from funds set aside for the importation of Arms and Ammunitions to boost the Nigerian Defense, funds set to embark on an oversea Campaign to counter the United States action to put a stop to the self succession bid of the Abacha's government to retain power, and monies set aside to rehabilitate the ailing Nigerian Petroleum Refineries and the National Electric Power Authority which supplies Electricity to the entire nation. If you are conversant with world news, you would understand better.

During this period, my father was able to make some good money for himself and kept in his private bank accounts. The then Head of State, General Sani Abacha transferred his share of the money through a Lebanese businessman, Chagoury and a Jewish businessman, Mark Rissar to bank accounts overseas. Unfortunately, all the secrets were revealed by the investigation agencies set up by the successive governments and most of the Abacha's loots were traced and repatriated from the various accounts to the Federal Government Treasury.

Out of the money my father made, he left the sum of N50Million (Fifty Million Naira) in the CBN escrow account for further transfer into a

foreign account and a sum of \$60M (Sixty Million Dollars) was kept in a Private security firm here in Nigeria. Through the confessions made by the Abacha's Family, the N50Million was recovered by the investigating agency from the CBN escrow account. But were unable to discover the \$60M, which he kept in the vaults. The reason is because no names were used to lodge in the funds.

Instead, he used PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (PIN) and declared the contents as Bearer Bonds and Treasury Bills. Also the firm issued him with a certificate of deposit of the consignments. Note that I have these information in my custody.

Right now, my father has been arrested and detained for interrogation. As the eldest son of my Father, I believe that I owe the entire family an obligation to ensure that the \$60M is successfully transferred abroad for investment purposes.

With the present situation, I cannot do it all by myself. It is based on this that I am making this contact with you. I have done a thorough homework and fine-tuned the best way to create you as the beneficiary to the funds and effect the transfer accordingly. It's rest assured that the modalities I have resolved to finalize the entire project guarantees our safety and the successful transfer of the funds.

So, you will be absolutely right when you say that this project is risk free and viable.

If you are capable and willing to assist, contact me at once.

Believe me, there is no one else we can trust again.

All my fathers' friends have deserted us after exploiting us on the pretence of trying to help my father. As it is said, "it is at the time of problems that you know your true friends". So long as you keep everything to yourself, we would definitely have no problems. For your assistance, I am ready to give you as much as 20% of the total funds after transfer and invest a reasonable percentage into any viable business you may suggest.

Please, I need your assistance to make this happen and please, do not undermine the reality because it will also be a source of upliftment to you. You have nothing to lose in assisting us instead, you have so much to gain.

Awaiting your urgent and positive response.

Best regards,

BALA USENI.

NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY
FEDERAL SECRETARIAT
IKOYI-LAGOS.
FROM THE DESK OF: GODFREY O. ISESELE

Dear Sir,

I am the Chairman Contract Review Committee of National Electric Power Authority

(NEPA).

Although this proposal might come to you as a surprise since it is coming from someone you

do not know or ever seen before, but after due

deliberations with my colleagues, I decided to contact you.

We are soliciting for your humble and confidential assistance to take custody of Eighteen Million United States Dollars.{US\$18,000,000.00}.

This sum (US\$18M) is an over invoice contract sum which is currently in an offshore payment account of the Central Bank of Nigeria as an

unclaimed contract entitlement which can easily be withdrawn or drafted or pay to any recommended beneficiary by my committee.

On this note, you will be presented as a contractor to NEPA who has executed a contract to a tune of the above sum and has not been paid.

Proposed Sharing Partern (%):

1. 70% for me and my colleagues.
2. 20% for you as a partner/fronting for us.
3. 10% for expenses that may be incurred by both parties during the cause of this transacton.

Our law prohibits a civil servant from operating a foreign account, hence we are contacting

you.

If this proposal satisfies you, do respond as soon as possible with the following information:

1. The name you wish to use as the beneficiary of the fund.
2. Your Confidential Phone and Fax Numbers.

Further discussion will be centered on how the fund shall be transfer and full details on how

to accomplish this great opportunity of ours.

Thank you and God bless.

Yours Sincerely,

Godfrey Isesele

Dr. Rotimi Ademola

Tel: 234 28 108719

Fax: 234 17 597626

Request for assistance: Strictly Confidential

I am Dr. Rotimi Ademola the chairman of contract award and review committee set up by the federal government of Nigeria under the new civilian dispensation to award new contracts and review existing ones. I came to know of you in my search for a reliable and reputable person to handle a very confidential transaction, which involves the transfer of a huge sum of money to a foreign account.

There were series of contracts executed by a consortium of multinationals in the oil industry in favour of N.N.P.C. The original value of these contracts were deliberately over invoiced to the sum of USD \$25,000,000.00 (twenty five million united state dollars). This amount has now been approved and is now ready to be transferred being that

the companies that actually executed these contracts have been fully paid and the projects officially commissioned.

Consequently, my colleagues and I are willing to transfer the total amount to your account for subsequent disbursement, since we as civil servants are prohibited by the code of conduct bureau (civil service law) from operating and/or opening foreign accounts in our names. Needless to say, the trust reposed on you at this juncture is enormous, in return, we have agreed to offer you 20% of the transferred sum, while 10% shall be set aside for incidental expenses (internal and external) between both parties in the course of the transaction you will be mandated to remit the balance to other accounts in due course.

Modalities have been worked out at the highest level of the ministry of finance and the Central bank of Nigeria for the immediate transfer of the funds within 14 working days subject to your satisfaction of the above stated terms. Our assurance is that your role is risk free. To accord this transaction the legality it deserves and for mutual security of the funds the whole approval procedures will officially and legally processed with your name or the name of any company you may nominate as the bonafide beneficiary. Once more I want you to understand that having put in over twenty five years in the civil service of my country, I am averse to having my image and career dented.

This matter should therefore be treated with utmost secrecy and urgency it deserves. Please you should signify your intention to assist by giving me a call on my direct line (234 28 108719) or send me a fax on my confidential fax number (234 17 597626) so that I can brief you

further. I want to assure you that this business proposal is 100% risk free as we have done our home work properly. I quite believe that you will protect our interest by taking this deal strictly confidential, as we are still in government service, which we intend to retire from. kindly expedite action as we are behind schedule to enable us include this transfer in the first batch which would constitute the third quarter payments for the 2002 financial year.

Thanks and God bless.

Dr. Rotimi Ademola

Subject:

Fwd: private

Date:

Wed, 24 Jul 2002 14:54:14 -0500

From:

"kwame adu" <kwameadu20@lycos.com>

Organization:

Lycos Mail (<http://www.mail.lycos.com:80>)

To:

kwameadu20@lycos.com

Dear sir,

I do hope this letter will not come to you as a surprise. It was borne out of my desire to share a mutual business relation ship with you.

My name is Kwame Adu,42yrs,a Secretary,a Ghana national married with a wife and four children. I work as an administrative Secretary to GLOBAL TRUST AND SECURITIES N V,in AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND. I got the information concerning you from the NETHERLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and after due consultation with my spiritual adviser, I decided to contact you believing that by the grace of God, you will accept to be my patner in this business.

I earn a salary of $\text{€}1.4\text{M} - 200$ USD equivalent monthly. I joined the services of this company in 1991 as an office assistant. I decided to contact you believing that by the grace of God the you will accept to be my partner in this business I have been working with this company for nine years. Within this period, I have watched with meticulous precision how African Heads of States and government functionaries have been using GLOBAL SECURITIES SECURITIES to move huge sums of money USD, Pound sterling, French France - (Cash) to their foreign partners.

They bring in these consignments of money cash and secretly declare the contents as jewelleries, gold, diamond, precious stones, famil treasure, documents etc. Gen. Sani Abacha of Nigeria (dead), Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire (dead) Foday Sankoy of Siera - Leone, Babangida of Nigeria etc.

All these people have hundreds of consignments deposited with GLOBAL SECURITIES. Their foreign partners, friends and relatives, are claiming most of these consignments. A lot of them are lying here unclaimed for as much as 15 yrs. No body may ever come for them because in most cases, the documents of deposit are never available to any body except the depositors most of them dead.

Since the inception of the 2000 millennium, GLOBAL SECURITIES MANAGEMENT changed the procedure of claims of consignments. As soon as you are able to produce all the secret information as contained in the secret file of any consignment, it will be released to you upon demand.

>From our record, more than 120 consignments belonging to Gen Abacha / Mobutu Sese Seko, has been claimed in the past six months. This is why I am soliciting for your co-operation and assistance. Gen. Abacha has 85 consignments deposited with several names and codes. 35 have been claimed in the past six months. Since he's dead, his first son is dead in a plane crash, the second son is facing trial for murder and embezzlement, the family members are under restricted arrest without communication.

I have finished every arrangement for you to come and claim consignment No 1201 containing USD 9M and consignment No 1200 contain USD 15M. My duty is to supply you with all the information and documents by fax. You will deal directly with the management. The procedure is simple: -

You will apply officially to the Director of Operations of GLOBAL SECURITIES for the release of consignment No 1200 and No 1201. They will demand some documents and secret codes. Call me, I'll supply you with every detailed information. Fax it to them. As soon as they confirm it to be correct.

They will invite you for the collection. If you do not want to come to AMSTERDAM, you can arrange with them to transfer the consignment to any where on agreement.No body will ever know I am involved in the deal except the Lawyer who will write an agreement for us. I'll suggest upon conclusion we share 50 - 50.

At the succesful conclusion of the deal,you'll arrange for me and my family to come over to your country.

I assure you that the business have been hatched for 5 years now, it is very very secure and risk free. You can get back to me on the same email address giving me your secured phone and fax numbers for further explanations and directives on the procedure.

God Bless You.

Sincerely Yours,

Kwame Adu.

kwameadu@cyberbox.com

ubject:

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Date:

Fri, 23 Aug 2002 20:58:02 -0700 (PDT)

From:

mike princewill <mikeprincewill2002@yahoo.co.uk>

To:

pixpress@iinet.net.au

DEAR SIR,

I HUMBLY APPROACH YOU FOR A MUTUAL BUSINESS TRANSACTION. I AM MR MIKE PRINCEWILL, THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA. I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE APPOINTED AS THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE.

BY VIRTUE OF MY PRESENT OFFICE AND POSITION, IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO HAVE A SHARE OF THE HUGE OIL MONEY WHICH MANY TOP MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE PAST REGIMES HAD USED MY PREDECESSORS IN THE PAST TO ACHIEVE THEIR PERSONAL INTEREST WITHOUT ANY BENEFIT TOWARDS THEM.

AS A RESULT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, I NOW HAVE ACCORD WITH TOP OFFICERS OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO REMIT THE SUM OF USD 55M INTO YOUR NOMINATED FOREIGN ACCOUNT.

THIS IS BECAUSE, WE, AS CIVIL SERVANTS DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO OPERATE FOREIGN ACCOUNT WHILE STILL IN SERVICE. I THEREFORE REQUEST YOU TO KINDLY ALLOCATE ANY ACCOUNT OF YOUR CHOICE WITH ALL NECESSARY PARTICULARS TO ENABLE ME TO FORWARD IT TO THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA FOR ONWARD RELEASE OF FUND IN YOUR FAVOR. WE HAVE 14 WORKING DAYS TO CONCLUDE THIS DEAL ON COMMENCEMENT, AND I SHALL JOIN YOU AT THE ACCOUNT BASE FOR SHARING AND FURTHER DISCUSSION ON MY INVESTMENT PLAN IN YOUR COUNTRY.

WE SHALL NEGOTIATE YOUR PERCENTAGE SHARE ON REPLY OF THIS MAIL FOR YOUR ANTICIPATED ASSISTANCE IN MAKING THIS TRANSACTION A SUCCESS. BECAUSE OF THE URGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THIS BUSINESS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO KEEPEVERYTHING SECRET FOR NOW. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DOING THIS BUSINESS WITH ME, KINDLY REPLY IMMEDIATELY ON MY E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR MORE EXPLANATIONS. WHEN REPLY, INCLUDE YOUR SAFE AND PRIVATE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR EASY COMMUNICATION

PLEASE, PROTECT MY POSITION IN MY COUNTRY BY KEEPING THIS TRANSACTION SECRET UNTIL FUNDS IN QUESTION LEAVE OUR FOREIGN RESERVE ACCOUNT. I FINALLY ASSURE YOU OF A 100% RISK FREE AND HITCH-FREE TRANSACTION.

THANKS FOR YOUR ANTICIPATED CO-OPERATION.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

MIKE PRINCEWILL.

I am David Briggs the contact man to the Chairman of the Senate House Committee on Contract Award. I got your address through Director of Companies made available to us through our Chamber of Commerce. The urgency of this subject of proposal compelled me to contact you through mail. I have been assigned by my colleagues (two of them) to seek for assistance of a liable/trustworthy person(s)/company into whose Account we can transfer

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As soon as you show interest we will discuss your benefit. The nature of your business does not affect the success of this transaction. All we require from you is your Co-operation and trust, and your ability to give us a good Account the shall accommodate the sum of money when the money is confirmed in your Account. Furthermore, this business is risk-free as all necessary strategies have been put in place for its smoothness and success. We have already established helpful contacts in the various are and parastatals responsible for the transfer of this fund.

If therefore you are interested in my proposal, contact me on the above e-mail address or Tel/Fax: Number shall oblige you with further information and answer any question you may ask Finally, it is expected that the transaction will last for 14 working days upon your co-operation, barring any delay I am expecting to hear favourably from you soon.

The Requirements Needed From You are as Follows:

1. Your Bank Particulars (Including Addresses)
2. Your Company s Name and Name of Beneficiary
3. Your Private Telephone And Fax Numbers For Easy Communication.

Best Regards

David Briggs

NB: PLEASE CONTACT ME ON THIS CNFIDENTIAL EMAIL ADDRESSE
angola@weedmail.com

Subject:

BUSINESS INVESTMENT/ASSISTANCE

Date:

Sat, 14 Sep 2002 16:58:01 -0700

From:

DR. JOHN ODUDU <xspuodujo1@eircom.net>

To:

Undisclosed Recipients

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

REPLY TO: odujo@myself.com.

FROM: DR. JOHN ODUDU.

TELEPHONE: 234-803-3281451

FAX:234-1-7597375

LAGOS - NIGERIA

REQUEST FOR URGENT BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

First, I must solicit your strictest confidence in this transaction .This by virtue of its nature as being utterly confidential and 'top secret'. I hope that you can assure me in confidence of your ability and reliability to prosecute a transaction of great magnitude involving a pending business transaction requiring maximum confidence.

We are top officials of the federal government contract review panel who are interested in importation of goods into our country with funds which are presently trapped in Nigeria.In order to commence this business we solicit your assistance to enable us transfer into your account the said trapped funds The source of this fund is as follows :

During the last Regime here in Nigeria, some Government Officials set up companies and awarded themselves contracts which were grossly over-invoiced in various ministries.The present Government set up a contract Review Panel and we have identified a lot of inflated contract funds which are presently floating in the Central Bank of Nigeria ready for payment. However, by virtue of our position as civil servants and members of this panel, we cannot acquire this money in our names.I have therefore, been delegated as a matter of trust by my colleagues of the panel to look for an overseas partner into whose account we would transfer the sum of US\$21,500,000.00 (Twenty One Million, Five Hundred Thousand United .States Dollars) Hence we are writing you this letter.

We have agreed to share the money thus:

1. 20% for the Account owner (you)
2. 70% for us (The officials)
3. 10% to be used in settling taxation and all local and foreign expenses.

It is from the 70% that we wish to commence the importation business.

Please, note that this transaction is 100% safe and we hope to commence the transfer latest seven (7) banking days from the date of the receipt of the following information below Fax:234-1-7597375 or using this email,

(a)company's name Beneficiary of account

(b) Your Telephone and Fax Number

(c) Bank account were the funds will be transfered to.

(d) Your Bankers Address, Telephone and Fax Number.

The above information will enable us write letters of claim and job description respectively. This way we will use your company's name to apply for payment and re-award the contract in your company's name. We are looking forward to doing this business with you and solicit your confidentiality in this transaction.Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter using the above fax number or this email . I will bring you into the complete picture of this pending project when I have heard from you.

Your faithfully,

DR. JOHN ODUDU.

Subject:

Urgent and Confidential.

Date:

Sun, 15 Sep 2002 18:33:25 +0100 (BST)

From:

stanley obiajulu <stanleyobiajulu4uk@yahoo.co.uk>

To:

pixpress@iinet.net.au

MR. Stanley Obiajulu.

3/5 RIDER HAGGARD

CLOSE, JO, BORG

SOUTH AFRICA.

Tel:874 - 762864167

Fax:874 - 762864168

(URGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL)

(RE: TRANSFER OF (\$ 126,000.000.00 USD)}

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIX MILLION DOLLARS

Dear sir,

We want to transfer to overseas account

(\$ 126,000.000.00 USD) one hundred and twenty six

million United States Dollars) from a Prime Bank in

Africa, I want to ask you to quietly look for a

reliable and honest person who will be capable and

fit to provide either an existing bank account or to set up a new Bank a/c immediately to receive this money, even an empty a/c can serve to receive this money, as long as you will remain honest to me till the end for this important business trusting in you and believing in God that you will never let me down either now or in future.

I am Mr. Stanley Bonny Obiajulu, the Auditor General of one of the prime banks here South Africa, during the course of our auditing, I discovered a floating fund in an account opened in the bank in 1990 and since 1993 nobody has operated on this account again, after going through some old files in the records I discovered that the owner of the account died without a [heir] hence the money is floating and if I do not remit this money out urgently it will be forfeited for nothing. The owner of this account is Mr. Allan P. Seaman, a foreigner, and an industrialist, and he died, since 1993. and no other person knows about this account or any thing concerning it, the account has no other beneficiary and my investigation proved to me as well that Allan P. Seaman until his death was the manager Diamond Safari [pty]. SA.

We will start the first transfer with twenty six million [\$26,000.000] upon successful transaction without any disappointment from your side, we shall

re-apply for the payment of the remaining rest amount to your account.

The amount involved is (USD 126 M) One hundred and twenty six million United States Dollars only. I want to first transfer \$26,000.000 [Twenty six million United States Dollar] from this money into a safe foreigners account abroad before the rest, but I don't know any foreigner, I am only contacting you as a foreigner because this money can not be approved to a local person here, without valid international foreign passport, but can only be approved to any foreigner with valid international passport or drivers license and foreign a/c because the money is in US dollars and the former owner of the a/c Mr. Allan P. Seaman is a foreigner too, and the money can only be approved into a foreign a/c.

However, we will sign a binding agreement, to bind us together. I got your contact address from the Girl who operates my computer, I am revealing this to you with believe in God that you will never let me down in this business, you are the first and the only person that I am contacting for this business, so please reply urgently so that I will inform you the next step to take urgently. Send also your private telephone and fax number including the full details of the account to be used for the deposit.

I want us to meet face to face to build confidence and to sign a binding agreement that will bind us together before transferring the money to any account of your choice where the fund will be safe. Before we fly to your country for withdrawal, sharing and investments.

I need your full co-operation to make this work fine, Because the management is ready to approve this payment to any foreigner who has correct information of this account, which I will give to you, upon your positive response and once I am convinced that you are capable and will meet up with instruction of a key bank official who is deeply involved with me in this business. I need your strong assurance that you will never, never let me down.

With my influence and the position of the bank official we can transfer this money to any foreigner's reliable account which you can provide with assurance that this money will be intact pending our physical arrival in your country for sharing. The bank official will destroy all documents of transaction immediately we receive this money leaving no trace to any place and to build confidence you can come immediately to discuss with me face to face after which I will make this remittance in your presence and three of us

will fly to your country at least two days ahead of the money going into the account. I will apply for annual leave to get visa immediately I hear from you that you are ready to act and receive this fund in your account. I will use my position and influence to obtain all legal approvals for onward transfer of this money to your account with appropriate clearance from the relevant ministries and foreign exchange departments.

At the conclusion of this business, you will be given 35% of the total amount, 60% will be for me, while 5% will be for expenses both parties might have incurred during the process of transferring.

I look forward to your earliest reply through my email address or telephone/fax number. You should reply to my private email address: stan_obi@hotmail.com.

Yours truly,
Mr. Stanley Obiajulu.

Subject:
confidential latter

Date:

Sat, 21 Sep 2002 04:31:01 -0400

From:

"george annderson" <gpa555@lycos.com>

Organization:

Lycos Mail (<http://www.mail.lycos.com:80>)

To:

gpa555@lycos.com

FROM: MR. GEORGE P. ANDERSON

ATTN: DIRECTOR / C.E.O

Dear sir,

You may be surprised to receive this letter from me since you do not know me personally, but for purpose of introduction, I am MR. GEORGE PETER ANDERSON, the first son of DR. VANDERS ANDERSON, who was recently murdered in the land disputed ZIMBABWE. I got your contact information from the INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE here in Johannesburg and decided to write to you.

Before the death of my father, he had taken me to Johannesburg to deposit the sum of Twenty-eight Million United States Dollars (US\$28 Million), with a security and finance company, as if he foresaw the looming danger in Zimbabwe. The money was deposited in a box as gem stones to avoid demurrage from the Security Company. This amount was made for the purchase of new machines and chemicals for the farms and establishment of a new farm in Swaziland.

This land problem came when Zimbabwean President MR. ROBERT MUGABE introduced a new Land Act which wholly affected the rich white farmers and some few black farmers. This resulted in killing and mob action by Zimbabwean war veterans and some lunatics in the society. In fact, more than thirty-one (31) people have been killed because of this Land Reform act.

Heads of governments from the west especially Britain have condemned Mugabe's new Land Reform Act and for this reason, SADC (Southern African Development Community) heads of states have met and voiced their support for Mr. Mugabe. South African President and the President of Malawi have been sent by SADC to Britain to

support Mugabe's new Land Reform Act.

It is against this background, that I and my family who are currently staying in South Africa decided to transfer my father's money to a foreign account. As the eldest son of my father, I am saddled with this responsibility of seeking a genuine account where this money could be transferred without the knowledge of my government who are bent on taking everything we have got and the South African Government seems to be playing along with them. I am faced with the dilemma of investing this amount of money in South Africa for fear of going through the same experience in future since both countries have lost similar political history. However, the South African Foreign Exchange Policy does not allow such investment as I am seeking for Asylum.

As a businessman, whom I have to entrust my future and that of my family in his hands, I must let you know that this transaction is risk-free and the nature of your business does not necessarily matter. Therefore, if you accept to assist my family and me, we are willing to offer 20% of the total sum for your assistance, 70% for me and my family while 10% will be mapped out for any pre-transfer charges or bank charges. I would wish to invest in your country on commercial properties and buying of rents based on your advice or from experts in your country.

If this proposal is acceptable by you, please, send me your bank details; your name and address, bank name and address, telephone and fax numbers (if any).

YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT THIS TRANSACTION IS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD BE KEPT WITHIN YOU ALONE.

Hoping to hear from you on the above mail

Best regards,

MR. GEORGE PETER ANDERSON

Subject:

GREETINGS TO YOU

Date:

Tue, 10 Sep 2002 05:50:36 -0700

From:

"david briggs" <davidbriggs2001@weedmail.com>

To:

davidbriggs2001@weedmail.com

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>Best Regards

>David Briggs

>NB: PLEASE CONTACT ME ON THIS CNFIDENTIAL EMAIL ADDRESSE
angola@weedmail.com

ubject:

Immediate Assistance !!

Date:

Tue, 13 Aug 2002 17:53:08

From:

"Femi cole." <femi2002@fazter.com>

To:

<pixpress@iinet.net.au>

NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY

FEDERAL SECRETARIAT

IKOYI-LAGOS.

FROM THE DESK OF: FEMI COLE.

Dear Sir,

I am the Chairman Contract Review Committee of National Electric Power Authority (NEPA).

Although this proposal might come to you as a surprise since it is coming from someone you

do not know or ever seen before, but after due

deliberations with my colleagues, I decided to contact you.

We are soliciting for your humble and confidential assistance to take custody of eighteen Million United States Dollars.{US\$18,000,000.00}.

This sum (US\$18M) is an over invoice contract sum which is currently in an offshore payment account of the Central Bank of Nigeria as an unclaimed contract entitlement which can easily be withdrawn or drafted or pay to any recommended beneficiary by my committee.

On this note, you will be presented as a contractor to NEPA who has executed a contract to a tune of the above sum and has not been paid.

Proposed Sharing Partern (%):

1. 70% for me and my colleagues.
2. 20% for you as a partner/fronting for us.
3. 10% for expenses that may be incurred by both parties during the cause of this transacton.

Our law prohibits a civil servant from operating a foreign account, hence we are contacting

you.

If this proposal satisfies you, do respond as soon as possible with the following information:

1. The name you wish to use as the beneficiary of the fund.
2. Your Confidential Phone and Fax Numbers.

Further discussion will be centered on how the fund shall be transfer and full details on how

to accomplish this great opportunity of ours.

Thank you and God bless.

Yours Sincerely,

Femi Cole.

Subject:

Goodday

Date:

Wed, 14 Nov 2001 01:59:23 -0800

From:

"Oluwafunmi Gabriel" <oluwafunmi_gabriel@yahoo.com>

To:

pixpress@iinet.net.au

Attn: Contact ,

My name is Mr. Oluwafunmi G, the manager, credit and foreign bills of Ecobank Plc. I am writing in respect of a foreign customer of my bank with account number 14-255-2004/utb/t who perished in a plane crash [Korean Air Flight 801] with the whole passengers aboard on August 6, 1997.

Since the demise of this our customer, I personally

has watched with keen interest to see the next of kin but all has proved abortive as no one has come to claim his funds of usd.20.5 m, [twenty million five hundred thousand united states dollars] which has been with my branch for a very long time.

On this note, I decided to seek for whom his name shall be used as the next of kin as no one has come up to be the next of kin. And the banking ethics here does not allow such money to stay more than four years, because money will be recalled to the bank treasury as unclaimed after this period. In view of this I got your contact through a trade journal after realizing that your name and country is similar to the deceased. I will give you 25% of the total.

Upon the receipt of your response, I will send you by fax or e-mail the application, bank's fax number and the next step to take. I will not fail to bring to your notice that this business is hitch free and that you should not entertain any fear as all modalities for fund transfer can be finalized within five banking days, after you apply to the bank as a relation to the deceased.

When you receive this letter. Kindly send me an e-mail signifying

Your decision including your private Tel/Fax numbers for quick communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Oluwafunmi G.

Sir,

This contact is tantamount to an unflinching desire to establish a long mutual business relationship based on trust and mutual understanding.

I am Mr. JUDE OBI, The Payment Co-ordinator of ECO BANK PLC {Lagos-Nigeria}. During the course of investigation it was found that the sum of US\$12.5M {Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand US Dollars} has been lying dormant in a suspense account of our Bank.

This fund belongs to MR. BRUCE C. WARREN a Contractor who executed a certain contract in Nigeria and he {Mr. Bruce} was our valued customer. The fund was safely deposited in our bank here but unfortunately the dastardly act of the terrorists September 11th on the WTC building brought his transaction to a halt.

>From the latest information I received from the United States, MR. BRUCE C. WARREN was a victim of the Tuesday 11th September attack on the World Trade Center {WTC} New York.

Going by the policy in our country as against civil servants operating foreign account and also to have that kind of huge amount in our local accounts, I solicit for an your assistance in transferring this money into your foreign account for personal investment purpose. Having found out that your city are known for business acumen and trustworthiness in business dealings.

Because of this I have to solicit for your assistance and understanding, with an unflinching faith that you will not betray me in this business. This is the reason why I am asking for your assistance to enable me invest the fund in your city, settle down with my family and also have

you as my mentor.

If you can handle the transfer for our joint benefit please get back to me so we can discuss, as what is required now is either for us to have you as his next of kin or to transfer the money in your name.

I want you to understand that this transaction must be kept in utmost confidentiality and secrecy as my future welfare hugely depend on it because the bank here might claim the fund if they got to know. Thank you for your co-operation in advance with an assurance that this is the beginning of our long term business relationship.

We will discuss the percentage due when we talk.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

MR. JUDE OBI

PAYMENT CO-ORDINATOR

ECO BANK PLC}

(HEY JUDE. YOU SENT ME YOUR ADDRESS BOOK WITH ABOUT 1000 ADDRESSES WITH THIS ONE. YOU'RE GETTING CARELESS!

MR VICTOR UBAKA

Direct Fax: 234-9-2721264

Dear Sir,

TRANSFER OF US\$20MILLION INTO A PERSONAL/COMPANY'S OFFSHORE ACCOUNT.

May I respectfully invite your kind attention to the above subject matter and to state that based on information gathered from the relevant Federal Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Tourism, we, intend to solicit your assistance in the execution of a business transaction. It is our sincere conviction that you will handle this transaction with absolute confidentiality, maturity and utmost sense of purpose.

I wish to further inform you that we have twenty Million U.S. Dollars (US\$20M) which accrued overtime from deliberately inflated contract awarded in my Ministry (Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources) and executed by a consortium of multinationals in the Oil Industry. The projects executed include the following:

1. The expansion of pipeline network within Nigeria for Crude Oil and Downstream products distribution and subsequent evacuation.

2. Contract for the Turn Around Maintenance (TAM) of the three Refineries

In the country.

3. The construction of storage tanks for Petroleum Products (Depots).

Consequently, we humbly request your gracious assistance and permission towards the remittance of the above stated amount into a personal/company/offshore account nominated by you. We propose tentatively that you will receive 30% of the total sum, 10% for miscellaneous expenses and the remaining 60% is for my colleagues and me. However, this is negotiable in the event of your willingness to assist.

Could you please notify me of your acceptance to carry out this transaction urgently by email/fax only, on the receipt of this message. I shall in turn inform you of the modalities for a formal application to secure the necessary approvals for the release of this fund into your account. This transaction from the day of commencement will not take more than ten(10) working days.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

MR VICTOR UBAKA

(SOMEBODY ONCE TOTTED UP THE LOOT THAT MOLL FLANDERS AMASSED FROM HER CRIMES AND WORKED OUT THAT SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN A VERY WEALTHY WOMAN ON HER OWN ACCOUNT. I AM REMINDED OF THIS IN A TANGENTIAL WAY, WHEN CONTEMPLATING THE AMOUNT OF WEALTH THAT IS IN CONTENTION IN THESE LETTERS!)

THAT'S ALL BOYS AND GIRLS. THANKS FOR YOUR LETTERS, WHICH BRING TEARS TO THE EYES, BUT DEFINITELY NO MORE BEGGING LETTERS!

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Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark...

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high ground.

Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

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Forrest Gump was sent on his way to Heaven.

Upon his arrival, a concerned St Peter met Forrest at the Pearly Gates.

"I'm sorry Forrest," St Peter said; "But Heaven is suffering from an overload of goodly souls and we have been forced to put up an Entrance

Exam for new arrivals to ease the burden of Heavenly Arrivals. "

"That's Cool" said Forrest, "What does the Entrance Exam consist of?"

"3 Questions" said St Peter.

"Which are?" asked Forrest.

"The First" said St Peter, "Is, which two days of the week start with the letters 'T'?"

"The second is: How many seconds are there in a year"

"The third is: What was the name of the swagman in Waltzing Matilda?"

"Now" said St Peter, "Go away and think about those questions Forrest, and when I call upon you, I shall expect you to have those answers for me."

So Forrest went away and gave those three questions some considerable thought. I expect you to do the same.

The following morning, St Peter called upon Forrest and asked if he had considered the questions, to which Forrest replied, "I have."

"Well then," said St Peter, "Which two days of the week start with the letter T?"

Forrest said, " Today . . and Tomorrow."

St Peter pondered this answer for some time, and decided that indeed the answer can be applied to the question.

"Well then Forrest, could I have your answer to the second of the three questions?" St Peter went on, " How many seconds in a year?"

Forrest replied, "Just 12!"

"Only 12?" exclaimed St Peter, "How did you arrive at that figure Forrest?"

"Easy" said Forest. "There's the second of January, the second of February right through to the second of December, giving a total of twelve seconds."

St Peter looked at Forrest and said, "I need some time to consider your answer before I can give you a decision." And he walked away shaking his head.

A short time later St Peter returned to Forrest.

"I'll allow the answer to stand Forrest, but you need to get the third and final question absolutely correct to be allowed into Heaven."

"Now Forrest, can you tell me the answer to the name of the swagman in Waltzing Matilda?"

Forrest replied, "Of the three questions, I found this the easiest to answer."

"Really!" exclaimed St Peter, "And what is the answer, Forrest?"

"It's Andy."

"It's Andy??"

"Yes, it's Andy" said Forrest.

This totally floored St Peter, and he paced this way and that, deliberating the answer.

Finally, he could not stand the suspense any longer, and turning to Forrest, asked, "Forrest, how in God's name did you arrive at THAT answer?"

"Easy" said Forrest

"Andy sat, Andy watched, Andy waited till his billy boiled ..."

And Forrest entered Heaven!

Thoughts to Ponder

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

I have noticed that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them.

If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?

Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.

If Wal-Mart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing in the store is free yet?

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Don't cry because its over; smile because it happened.

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors ...but they all have to learn to live in the same box.

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Net Anon

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Thoughts:

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Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.



Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.



Coca-Cola was originally green.



It is impossible to lick your elbow.



The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work:  
Alaska



The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%  
( now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%



The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven:

\$6,400



The average number of people airborne over the US any given hour:

61,000



Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.



The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.



The youngest pope was 11 years old.



The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.



Those San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

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Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David,

Hearts - Charlemagne,

Clubs - Alexander, the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

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$$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$$

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If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.

If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle.

If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

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Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

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"I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

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Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.

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Q. What occurs more often in December than any other month?

A. Conception.

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Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A. Their birthplace

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Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?

A. Obsession

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Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go

until you would find the letter "A"?

A. One thousand

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Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All invented by women.

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Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

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Q. There are more collect calls on this day than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day

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Q. What trivia fact about Mel Blanc (voice of Bugs Bunny) is the most ironic?

A. He was allergic to carrots.

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Q. What is an activity performed by 40% of all people at a party?

A. Snoop in your medicine cabinet.

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In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "goodnight, sleep tight".

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It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month. We know it today as the honeymoon.

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In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"

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Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they

used the whistle to get some service.

"Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

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In Scotland, a new game was invented. It was entitled Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden.... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

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And Finally:

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow.

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