

Random Spittle

Not long enough for an article:

1. That sound you hear when you go to the Cafe' is death rattles from Mein Brooks' attempt to create blogs within the confines of his domain.

Didn't work Stevie! It was a bad idea from day one. Maybe you can save the posts to enter in MCJ's next "most boring post" contest. I'm not sure they'll win, but they will certainly be able competitors for the title.

2. I've been looking at *Richard Osterlind's Mind Mysteries Too* Volumes 5, 6 & 7. My first reaction is - he should have stopped at 4. As I've said before, the true value of a book or DVD can only be determined after it has aged a while. I'm willing to withhold final judgment.

The *Question and Answer Act*, which is touted as being "worth the price of the whole series" is shamefully transparent. I'm a huge fan of the first 4 volumes of this series. I thought they had more good magic than any other L&L set. Maybe I'm getting jaded, but nothing in this series really excited me. Time will tell.

3. Richard Kaufman is killing the Genii forum by being such an irascible dick to participants. He's adopted Brooks' mantra of *it's my forum and if you don't like it **FUCK OFF!*** Too bad, it was the best. New messages have nearly dried up except for the incestuous babble among the insiders. Maybe he should have kept it closed after he unceremoniously shut it down in a tizzy recently.

4. I've been thumbing through *Lorayne: The Classic Collection* recently. This is a rewrite and revision of Harry's first 3 books and *The Epitome Location*. Many of us cut our teeth on CUCM and thumbing through it brought back some pleasant memories. None of them about Harry though, who has become a condescending, egotistical, industrial grade prick.

5. Favorite quote seen recently: *Freedom of the press is limited to those who own one.*

6. If you get a chance to see Bill Goldman lecture, it's worth the cost. It's a little disorganized, but you'll get a lot of tips on trade show magic and the types of tricks that work.

Take care.....



Drivel & Drool

Another thing I found funny:

(On September 17, 1994, Alabama's Heather Whitestone was selected as Miss America 1995.) Question: If you could live forever, would you and why?

Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever,"

-Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.

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"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

-Mariah Carey

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"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life,"

-Brooke Shields, during an interview to become Spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign.

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"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,"

-Winston Bennett,  
University of Kentucky basketball forward.

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"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,"
-Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC.

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"I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president."  
-Hillary Clinton commenting on the release of subpoenaed documents.

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"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it,"
-A congressional candidate in Texas.

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"Half this game is ninety percent mental."  
-Philadelphia Phillies manager, Danny Ozark

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"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."
-Al Gore, Vice President

And .

"We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not occur."
-Al Gore, VP

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"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix."  
-Dan Quayle

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"We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?"

-Lee Iacocca

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"The word "genius" isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." -

-Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.

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"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people."

-Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor.

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"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure."

-Bill Clinton, President

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"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas."

-Keppel Enderbery

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"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

-Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina

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"If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there'll be a record."

-Mark S. Fowler, FCC Chairman

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