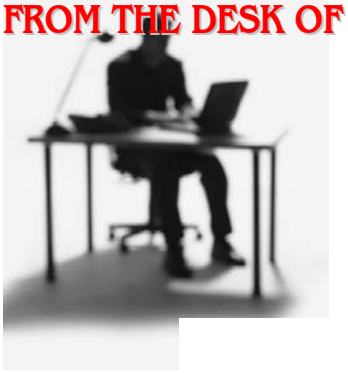
FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMISSIONER



READ OCJAAF RULE BOOK PAGE 10-13, ARTICLE III…

WEEK 2 – SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

Johnny was crying by the time the football game ended. It wasn't because his team had lost; it wasn't because he was unhappy about his own playing. It wasn't even because of anything the other team had said or done. **Johnny's tears came after his dad or coach yelled at him in front of all his teammates for missing a tackle that could have saved the game.** Johnny is just 8 years old.

If your child has ever participated in a sport, you've undoubtedly met people like Johnny's dad or coaches---adults who behave inappropriately and upset their kids. These parents or coach get so wrapped up in winning and losing or how well their own kids perform that they lose sight of what's really important. They forget that one of the most important goals of kids' sports is to promote a sense of good sportsmanship.

WHAT IS GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP?

Good sportsmanship is when teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials treat each other with respect. Kids learn the basics of sportsmanship from the adults in their lives, especially their parents and their coaches. Kids who see adults behaving in a sportsmanlike way gradually come to understand that the real winners in sports are those who know how to persevere and to behave with dignity whether they win or lose a game.

Parents can help their kids understand that good sportsmanship includes both small gestures and heroic efforts. It starts with something as simple as shaking hands with opponents before and after a game and includes acknowledging good plays made by others and accepting bad calls gracefully.

Displaying good sportsmanship isn't always easy; it can be tough to congratulate the opposing team after losing a close or important game. But the kids who learn how to do it will benefit in many ways. Kids who "bully" or "taunt" others on the playing field aren't likely to change their behavior when in the classroom or in social situations. In the same way, a child who practices good sportsmanship is likely to carry the respect and appreciation of other people into every other aspect of life.

Ask Future League or Jr. Clinic players who won a game and they may answer, "I think it was a tie." It's likely the question isn't of any real interest at that age. Kids may be more eager to talk about the hits they got or the catches they almost made or the fun they had at pizza after the game.

But as they move into older and more competitive divisions---Jr. Midget or Midget---kids become more focused on winning. They often forget to have fun. Without constant reminders and good examples, they may also forget what behavior is appropriate before, during, and after a sporting event. This is where the COACHES and PARENTS need to set good examples.

Kids who have coaches who care only about being in first place and say that anything goes as long as they win, pick up the message that it's OK to be ruthless on the field. If parents constantly pressure them to play better or second-guess their every move, kids get the message that they're only as good as their last good play and they'll try anything to make one.

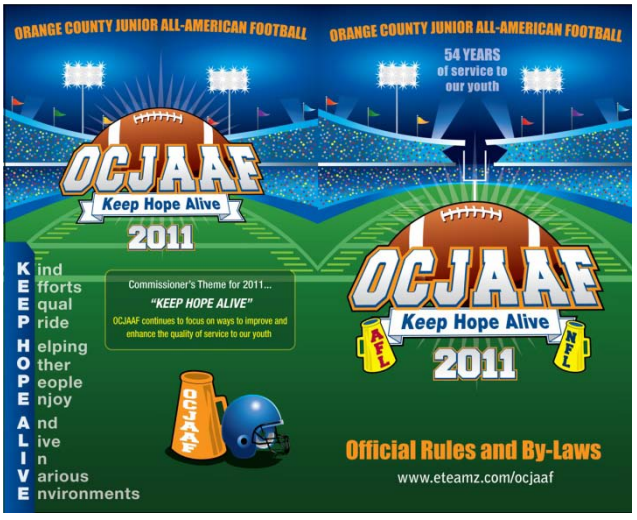
Adults who emphasize good sportsmanship, however, see winning as just one of several goals they'd like their kids to achieve. They help young athletes take pride in their accomplishments and in their improving skills, so that the kids see themselves as winners, even if the scoreboard doesn't show the numbers going in their favor.
The best coaches and parents encourage their kids to play fair, to have fun, and to concentrate on helping the team while polishing their own skills.

You may ask why I am on this SPORTSMANSHIP soap box ? Well this week we had too many coaches kicked out of games because of their attitude and some that did not but should of. I even had a Midget coach who had 14 kids without jocks so instead of fixing the problem and go buy them he said I will just take my kids home (this is a true story I was there)...WOW! Is this a leader of young adult men our oldest division and what does this show our kids???? We have rules they are made for the safety of our youth not for a coach to **** at. Please coaches you are "THE EXAMPLE", live up to it! I know the same parents and coaches that I am talking about probably do not read my letter. So to those that do I am leaving it up to you to make sure they read this one and please be sportsmanlike when you print it out and hand it to them.**

Remember the saying "Actions speak louder than words"? That's especially true when it comes to teaching your kids the basics of good sportsmanship. Your behavior during practices and games will influence them more than any pep talk or lecture you give them.

Here are some suggestions on how to build sportsmanship in our kids:

- Unless you're coaching your child's team, you need to remember that you're the parent.
- Shout words of encouragement, not directions, from the sidelines (there is a difference!).
- If you are your kid's coach, don't expect too much out of your own child. Don't be harder on him or her than on anyone else on the team, but don't play favorites either.
- Keep your comments positive. Don't bad-mouth coaches, players, or game officials. If you have a serious concern about the way that games or practices are being conducted, or if you're upset about other parents' behavior, discuss it privately with the coach or with your chapter president.
- After a football game, it's important not to dwell on who won or lost. Instead, try asking, "How did you feel you did during the game?" If your child feels weak at a particular skill, like blocking, throwing or catching, offer to work on it together before the next game.
- Applaud good plays no matter who makes them or what team.
- Set a good example with your courteous behavior toward the parents of kids on the other team. Congratulate them when their kids win.
- Remember, that it's your kids, not you, who are playing. Don't push them into a sport because it's what you enjoyed. As kids get older, let them choose what sports they want to play and decide the level of commitment they want to make.
- Keep your perspective. It's just a game. Even if the team loses every game of the season, it's unlikely to ruin your child's life or chances of success.
- Look for examples of good sportsmanship in professional athletes and point them out to your kids. Talk about the bad examples, too, and why they upset you.
- Finally, don't forget to have fun. Even if your child isn't the star, enjoy the game while you're thinking of all the benefits your child is gaining new skills, new friends, discipline and attitudes that can help all through life.
- Never look down on anybody, unless you're helping them up.
- **Finally---READ OCJAAF Rule Book page 10-13, Article III...**



Thank You!

Bob Barna

Commissioner

Kind
Efforts
Equal
Pride

Helping
Other
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HOPE IS THE BELIEF IN WHAT IS POSSIBLE AND THE EXPECTATION OF THINGS TO COME. We need to instill in our youth that HOPE is what will keep them moving in a forward direction. HOPE breeds character and this character will breed HOPE. In the end this HOPE will not disappoint you but will keep you strong. Use HOPE and imagination as weapons of survival and progress. We can relate to our real life in football and cheer because of the ups and downs that come with each. In life you have family and friends that help you along the way. In football you have a bigger family, a team, a family structure, a place for yourself in the whole scheme of things, a reason to belong. ***OCJAAF is here to help each child keep that inner HOPE alive and keep them always striving to be more of themselves tomorrow than what they are today.***

Please read my complete message on this year's theme on our web site at:
www.eteamz.com/ocjaaf

THINGS TO REMEMBER…

FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION PLEASE! PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING…

1. No "pop-off" mouth pieces even if you tape them on!

2. Week 3 player pictures are a must "NO PICTURE, NO PLAY!" Presidents: Please be sure you review all player pictures before this Saturday!

3. Everyone on the field must have a badge "NO BADGE NO COACH NO EXCEPTIONS"

4. All cheerleaders must be in full uniform by week 3!

5. WHO IS IN CHARGE OF WEIGH-INS?---the HOME CHAPTER!!!! Visiting teams get weighed in first unless they are late.

6. PRESIDENTS HERE IS THE ADDRESS TO MAIL MUST PLAY SHEETS:

   Wanda Hadley
   Athletic Director - OCJAAF
   30766 Calle Chueca
   San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

   NOTE: These must play sheets have to be post marked to the above address by Tuesday following game day!

7. Must play sheets that are filed out by the head coach please instruct them how it is to be filed out. Hint: read your rule book page 23Article VII Section C par 16a16b16cand 16h. (Order of operation, 1..use must play sheet to conduct weigh-in procedures, 2....give must play sheet to head coach to assign his must play quarters and have him sign and check status block of game, 3...give sheets to the CGDPCA to monitor assigned must play per OCJAAF rule book and written policy, 4..when game is completed CGDPCA must insert the final OFFICIAL score and then sign the sheet along with their phone number, 5...CGDPCA needs to give this sheet to the home chapter officer of the day and then mailed in by the chapter president, 6...Cheer on game day need to have attendance taken by the CGDPCA. This is done at the beginning of the game and the cheer team courtesy roster is used, after role is taken then the cheer coach must sign it along with the CGDPCA that is taking role. The sheet is now given to the home chapter official and is mailed in with the must play sheets

8. CHAPTER PRESIDENTS…Please do not interfere at the Weigh-in Area of an AWAY game field. Stay out of the visiting field's Weigh-In Area! You have no jurisdiction other than at your own game field.

9. Home teams---YOU MUST HAVE A CLOCK….Read your rule book page 13Article IV Section A par 2f.

10. Please display your Adult Code of Conduct banners at all home fields (in a clearly visible place)

11. Jerseys must be worn in agreement with the CIF standards no knots what so ever are to be made if jersey is to big alter it. CIF Rule book says the numbers used are 1-99 that means no "0" or "00"

12. Jersey Numbers must be correct on the Roster as of Game 3. No write-ins allowed.

13. NO CELL PHONES! NO CELL PHONES! NO CELL PHONES! NO CELL PHONES! On the field at any time, presidents please pass this on to all of your chapter personnel.

14. COACHES WEAR YOUR HATS APPROPRIATELY!

15. Coaches Box limit is the 25-yard line..

16. Presidents: Have your coaches go through the chain-of-command they need to call you on game day---NOT ME! You need to be the first to know.

17. Chapter Game Day Player Compliance Agents (C.G.D.P.C.A.) is a must: 2 from each team is required: 1-pair (home & visitor CGDPCA) work each side of the field (home or visitor). You must provide a current OCJAAF ID badge and it must be visible at all times on the game field. Cheer on game day need to have attendance taken by the CGDPCA. This is done at the beginning of the game and the cheer team courtesy roster is used, after role is taken then the cheer coach must sign it along with the CGDPCA that is taking role. The sheet is now given to the home chapter official and is mailed in with the must play sheets.

18. Just a matter of courtesy visiting teams and spectators should not bring in their own food or drinks. Chapters with home games depend upon the income they generate from their snack bar sales and besides it is a lot of work not to be successful. Some high school stadiums will forbid anyone bringing in their own food or drinks. Please be courteous and support each other. Thank you!

19. Teams that are playing in a stadium that has the new turf please respect the rules of the stadium. No food or drinks accept water on the playing field at all times. We do not want to lose the privilege of the use of the field.

20. Presidents please call in scores by 10am each Sunday morning or your chapter will be donating $$$$$ to our Scholarship fund.

21. Water Boy's must be league age kids boys or girls.

22. SPECIAL CHEER MEETING: All paperwork for competition due Sept 26, 2011 at 8pm in Rowland Heights per OCJAAF Rule book page #54 section E #1 &2…… NO EXCEPTIONS.

23. Cheer on game day need to have attendance taken by the CGDPCA. This is done at the beginning of the game and the cheer team courtesy roster is used, after role is taken then the cheer coach must sign it along with the CGDPCA that is taking role. The sheet is now given to the home chapter official and is mailed in with the must play sheets.

24. Please Presidents go to your chapter and ask team moms or managers if they are still unsure about game day procedures, to try and get all straightened out before game 3. Also remind everyone that we do not tell the refs how or what to call on the field.

25. OCJAAF AGENTS…Please when you show up at a field remember you are there to help, not to cause confusion, HELP, HELP, the key word is HELP. Do not try to take control of weigh-ins, please observe and HELP if asked. I want a chapter to be glad to see you, it's that simple. We are here to help the object of your role is to make sure that the children get on the field and do so in a safe environment, this cannot be accomplished if you are acting like fools before the game is even started, again don't try to help if you are not a help. You know who you are, don't embarrass OCJAAF or your shirt, the ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT is for everyone.

26. Last day to add players, cheer, and staff is September 30th.

27. TO: ALL CHAPTER CGDPCA's the must play sheet must be done with a RED PEN!
First and foremost, you must use a COPY or an original 401-G. Make sure your team representative checks their contract book on Thursday and Friday to insure they have enough copies for weigh-ins. Checking right before your weigh-in time on Saturday could be too late. In red ink, on the bottom or side of the 401-G, mark OFFICIAL.

Monitors and Spotters:
Monitors are HOME and Spotters are VISITORS. Again, no exception to this rule. PRINT your name. Do not write. The form says "Print". We had some signatures that were illegible and from Game Week 3 the names must be printed. Do not forget the telephone number. We must have that in the event there is a question regarding the must play sheets.

Scores:
The score that is entered on the must play sheet is the score that OCJAAF goes by. It is not the score that is e-mailed in. In order for the must play sheet to be a valid and complete must play sheet, you must have the scores entered. All scores that are e-mailed in, if different from the must play sheets, then the scores will be changed to reflect the official score (the one on the must play sheet). So you can see how important this part of your job is.

Coach's Signature Block.
A must. The coach is to sign the must play sheet before the game begins. All information must be filled in. The coach is to review the must play sheet at the end of the game.

If a player is marked off the must play sheet because he/she is overweight, discipline, equipment, etc., please be sure to line them out in red. If they are already lined out and you copy the roster and the line is black, draw a red line over the black line.

MOST IMPORTANT: Once the coach has marked his must play sheet and returned it to the CGDPCA, the monitor needs to somehow mark in that box that the coach either marked with an "O" or "X" that the player did in fact go in and play. Otherwise, all the must play sheet is showing us is that the coach marked his must play sheet. I would suggest if the coach marks the quarter with an "O" that you put an "X" (in red) in that "O" when the player goes in, and if he marks it with an "X", that you circle (in red) an "O" around that "X" when the player goes in. Most chapters and CGDPCA's are complying. Let's all get on the same page. Then there is never that question, did that player go in?

APPEALS FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT ONLY AND WITHIN 72-HOURS FROM THIS POSTING. PLEASE CONTACT THE OCJAAF COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO FILE YOUR APPEALS @ ocjaafinfo@aol.com. THANK YOU.

PENALTIES ON THE FIELD…

1	OR / CLINIC-RED Asst. Coach: J. Fonseca	UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT	$100 PENALTY FINE 1-WEEK SUSPENSION
2	SG / MIDGET Head Coach: M. Mays	UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT	$100 PENALTY FINE 1-WEEK SUSPENSION
3	SF / PEE WEE Equip Mgr: L. Armstrong	UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT	$100 PENALTY FINE 3-WEEK SUSPENSION
4	CARSON	LATE MUST PLAY SHEETS-GAME 1	$300 PENALTY FINE
5	CORONA	LATE MUST PLAY SHEETS–GAME 1	$250 PENALTY FINE
6	FOUNTAIN VALLEY	LATE MUST PLAY SHEETS-GAME 1	$200 PENALTY FINE
7	MISSION VIEJO	LATE MUST PLAY SHEETS-GAME 1	$350 PENALTY FINE
8	WESTMINSTER	LATE MUST PLAY SHEETS-GAME 1	$100 PENALTY FINE
9	ROWLAND HEIGHTS	NOT E-MAILING SCORES ON TIME	$150 PENALTY FINE
10	SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY	NOT E-MAILING SCORES ON TIME	$150 PENALTY FINE
11	BV / JR. PEE WEE	VIOLATION F RULES, Page 9 Article II, Section D: #2	FORFEITURE OF GAME $100 PENALTY FINE

PENALTIES ON THE FIELD (Continued)

12	SB / JR. FUTURE LEAGUE	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 9 Article II, Section D: #2	FORFEITURE OF GAME $100 PENALTY FINE
13	SF / MIDGET	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 9 Article II, Section D: #2	FORFEITURE OF GAME $100 PENALTY FINE
14	MP / CLINIC	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a–Game 1	$50 PENALTY FINE (# ?)
15	RH / JR. CLINIC	SPOTTER / MONITOR ON ROSTER GAME 1	WARNING!
16	CA / JR. PEE WEE	TWO (2) #55 ON ROSTER-GAME 1	WARNING!
17	IV / JR. PEE WEE	PLAYING WITH NON-CERTIFIED ROSTER – GAME 1	$100 PENALTY FINE FORFEITURE OF GAME
18	FL / CLINIC	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$150 PENALTY FINE (#43, #75, #12, #26)
19	CA / CLINIC	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$50 PENALTY FINE (#43)
20	CO / CLINIC Head Coach: L. Freeman	PLAYING AN OW PLAYER, GAME 1	$100 PENALTY FINE 1-WEEK SUSPENSION
21	FV / JR. CLINIC	NO SPOTTER, GAME 1	$100 PENALTY FINE
22	CO / JR. FUTURE LEAGUE	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$100 PENALTY FINE (#21, #2)
23	CA / JR. FUTURE LEAGUE	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$50 PENALTY FINE (#3)
24	CO / PEE WEE	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$50 PENALTY FINE (#24)
25	CR / PEE WEE	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$150 PENALTY FINE (#42-#21-#4-#3-#6-#11-#12-#17-#22-#1-#27)
26	CR / JR. FUTURE LEAGUE	SPOTTER / MONITOR ON ROSTER, GAME 1	WARNING!
27	SB / JR. CLINIC	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$100 PENALTY FINE (#28, #26)
28	WC / JR. FUTURE LEAGUE	SPOTTER / MONITOR ON ROSTER, GAME 1	WARNING!
29	SB / PEE WEE	SPOTTER / MONITOR ON ROSTER, GAME 1	WARNING!
30	WC / CLINIC	SPOTTER /MONITOR ON ROSTRER, GAME 1	WARING!
31	WC / CLINIC	NO RISK MGR ON ROSTER, GAME 1	WARNING!
32	IV / JR. FUTURE LEAGUE	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$50 PENALTY FINE (#90)
33	MB / JR. FUTURE LEAGUE	SPOTTER / MONITOR ON ROSTER, GAME 1	WARNING!
34	PL / PEE WEE	SPOTTER / MONITOR ON ROSTER, GAME 1	WARNING!
35	HB / JR. FUTURE LEAGUE	SPOTTER / MONITOR ON ROSTER, GAME 1	WARNING!
36	SF / JR. FUTURE LEAGUE	NO SPOTTER, GAME 1	$100 PENALTY FINE
37	SG / JR. FUTURE LEAGUE	SPOTTER / MONITOR ON ROSTER, GAME 1	WARNING!
38	OR / PEE WEE	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$50 PENALTY FINE (#54)
39	WH / JR. FUTURE LEAGUE	NO SPOTTER-EITHER SIDE, GAME 1	$200 PENALTY FINE

PENALTIES ON THE FIELD (Continued)

40	WH / JR. CLINIC	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$50 PENALTY FINE (#72)
41	WH / CLINIC	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$150 PENALTY FINE (#72-#20-#42-#6)
42	BF / CLINIC	VIOLATION OF RULES, Page 23 Article VII, Section C: #16-a, Game 1	$150 PENALTY FINE (#15-#21-#14-#1_#23-#27-#25-#4-#81-#11-#50-#29-#9-#32-#52-#16-#3-#0-#7)
43	ROWLAND HEIGHTS	LACK OF COMMISSIONER'S BEVERAGE	WARNING!
44	PLACENTIA	LACK OF COMMISSIONER'S BEVERAGE	WARNING!
45	WESTMINSTER	LACK OF COMMISSIONER'S BEVERAGE	WARNING!
46	FOUNTAIN VALLEY	LACK OF COMMISSIONER'S BEVERAGE	WARNING!
47	ALL CHAPTERS	PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR ROSTERS!!! Missing score, number of officials & Monitor/Spotter phone numbers!	WARNING!
48	SOUTH GATE	WEIGH-IN: Mouthpieces & Jock Straps!!!	WARNING!

TOUCHDOWN! HIGH FIVE!!!...

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of all our volunteers who make OCJAAF a leading youth organization. There are some instances where we would like to give a "shout out" to some of you for extraordinary efforts and sportsmanship and we call this...HIGH FIVE! Thank you for this...

1. **HIGH FIVE to COMMISSIONER BARNA** for purchasing jock straps for the South Gate Midget team at Irvine so the game could be played, and, we appreciate the patience of the Irvine staff. We apologize both to Irvine and the Commissioner for the unsportsmanlike behavior of our Coach.
2. **HIGH FIVE to IRVINE** and their Staff for such great hospitality!---Wanda Hadley, OCJAAF A.D.
3. **HIGH FIVE to JEFF RAMEY** for getting out all of the Staff Badges!
4. **HIGH FIVE to WILLIAM LOGAN** for getting out all of the Player Pictures!
5. **HIGH FIVE to HARRY STATON** for all of his hard work!
6. **HIGH FIVE** to all of my **OCJAAF PLAYER AGENTS** for making sure the kids get to play!
7. **HIGH FIVE** to **WANDA HADLEY** for eye-balling 200 Must Play Sheets each week!
8. **HIGH FIVE** to all **CHAPTER PRESIDENTS**, and I mean all of the Presidents, that are making a safe and sane place for our kids to play and enjoy life!
9. **HIGH FIVE to all of my OCJAAF FAMILY, PARENTS, COACHES, FOOTBALL PLAYERS and CHEERLEADERS!**
10. AMEN!

THINGS I LEARNED…

THE VALUE OF PEOPLE AND TIME…….

To realize the value of a sister/brother…
Ask someone who doesn't have one.

To realize the value of ten years…
Ask a newly divorced couple.

To realize the value of four years…
Ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year…
Ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of nine months…
Ask a mother who gave birth to a still born.

To realize the value of one month…
Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one minute…
Ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

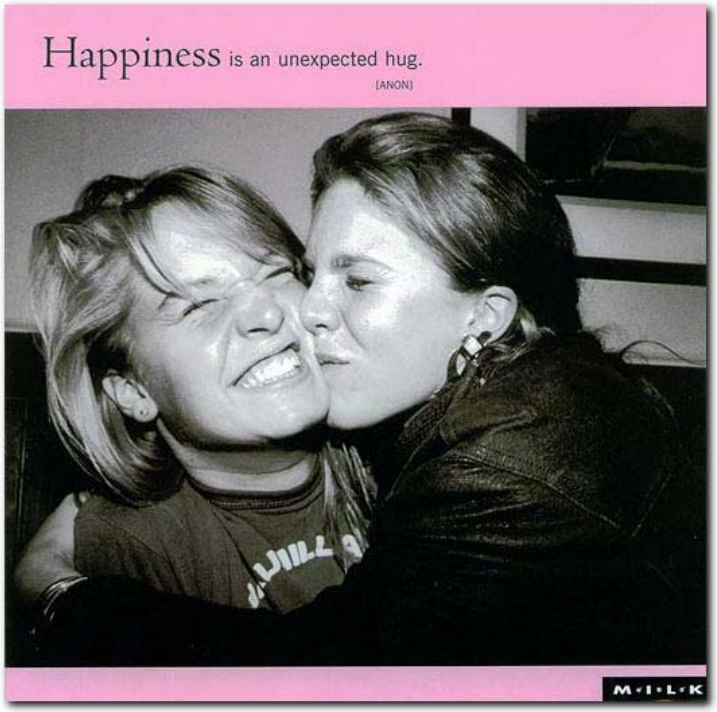
To realize the value of one-second…
Ask a person who has survived an accident.

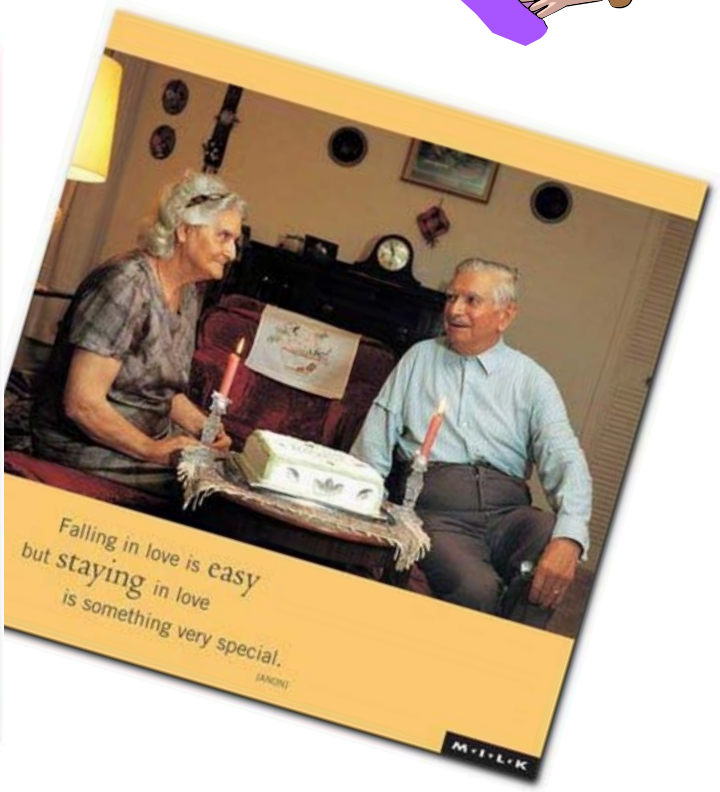
Time waits for no one---treasure every moment you have.

You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special.

To realize the value of a friend or family member: LOSE ONE.

REMEMBER….
HOLD ON TIGHT TO THE ONES YOU LOVE!





Age is mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.
[MARK TWAIN]
A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.
[ANON]
M·I·L·K
You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old.
[GEORGE BURNS]
A friend is, as it were, a second self.
[CICERO]
Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.
[ANON]
M·I·L·K
The fundamental job of a toddler is to rule the universe.
[AUTHOR UNKNOWN]
M·I·L·K

Laughter is the medicine of life.
[MADELAINE BAMFORD]
Laughter is the shortest distance between friends.
[ANON]
Life is full of surprises.
[AUTHOR UNKNOWN]
Love doesn't make the world go round.
but it makes the ride worthwhile.
[FRANKLIN P. JONES]
To have a good
friend
is one of the
greatest delights
of life.
[RALPH WALDO EMERSON]
M·I·L·K
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Friends have a way of speaking without words.
[ANON]
To have joy one must share it.
[LORD BYRON]
M·I·L·K
It's important to have a twinkle in your wrinkle.
[ANON]
The one thing children wear out faster than shoes is parents.
[JOHN J. PLOMP]
M·I·L·K

THINGS I LEARNED…CONTINUED

YOU'RE GONNA SAY "I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!" AT LEAST 5 TIMES…

Check this out--really neat stuff here!

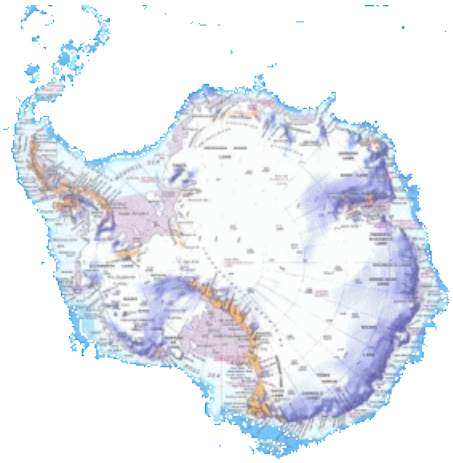
ALASKA

More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.

AMAZON

The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen supply. The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States.

ANTARCTICA



Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica. This ice also represents seventy percent of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert; the average yearly total precipitation is about two inches. Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it, ice.), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.

BRAZIL

Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

CANADA

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning ' Big Village '.

CHICAGO

Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the largest Polish populationin the world.

DETROIT

Woodward had a bit more open space and fewer cars in 1931.

Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1, so named because it was the first paved road anywhere.

DAMASCUS, SYRIA

Damascus, Syria, was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC, making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.

ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Istanbul, Turkey, is the only city in the world located on two continents.

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles ' full name is: El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula-- and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: L.A.

NEW YORK CITY

The term 'The Big Apple' was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930s who used the slang expression 'apple' for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple.

There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel.

OHIO

There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, every one of them is manmade.

ROME

The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy in 133 B.C. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

SIBERIA

Siberia contains more than 25% of the world's forests.

S.M.O.M.

The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (S.M.O.M). It is located in the city of Rome, Italy, has an area of two tennis courts and, as of 2001, has a population of 80 -- 20 less people than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican is.

SAHARA DESERT

In the Sahara Desert, there is a town named Tidikelt, Algeria, which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years. Technically though, the driest place on Earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island. There has been no rainfall there for two million years.

SPAIN

Spain literally means 'the land of rabbits'.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

St. Paul, Minnesota, was originally called Pig's Eye after a man named Pierre 'Pig's Eye' Parrant who set up the first business there.

ROADS

Chances that a road is unpaved: in the U.S.A. = 1%; in Canada = .75%

RUSSIA

The deepest hole ever drilled by man is the Kola Superdeep Borehole, in Russia. It reached a depth of 12,261 meters (about 40,226 feet or 7.62 miles). It was drilled for scientific research and gave up some unexpected discoveries, one of which was a huge deposit of hydrogen - so massive that the mud coming from the hole was boiling with it.

UNITED STATES

The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

WATERFALLS

The water of Angel Falls (the world's highest) in Venezuela drops 3,212 feet (979 meters). They are 15 times higher than Niagara Falls.

I have always said, you should learn something new every day. Unfortunately, many of us are at that age where what we learn today, we forget tomorrow.

But, give it a shot anyway.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE…

LIFE…

On the first day, God created the DOG and said:
'Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years.' The dog said: 'That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years, and I'll give you back the other ten?'….So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the MONKEY and said:
'Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span.' The monkey said: 'Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?'…And God agreed.

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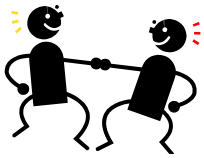
On the third day, God created the COW and said:
'You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.' The cow said: 'That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years...How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?'...And God agreed again.



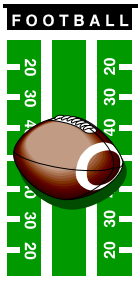
On the fourth day, God created HUMANS and said:
'Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty Years.' But the human said: 'Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?'...'Okay,' said God, 'You asked for it.'...

- So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves.
- For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family.
- For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren.
- And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

...LIFE HAS NOW BEEN EXPLAINED TO YOU.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information.
I'm doing it as a public service.

FIELDS VISITED THIS WEEK...



Ok my grandson was playing in .....**ROWLAND HEIGHTS**.... so my first game started here, good game and they really missed their head coach (my youngest son Duke) he had Army Duty, anyhow the game went well and the visiting team Baldwin Hills was courteous and sportsman like, so before I left I went to the snack bar to get a "DIET SNAPPLE PEACH ICE TEA" and guess what, NONE! And, the president of Rowland is my daughter....hummmmm...Next stop .....**PLACENTIA**.....I like the new entrance and all was set up great with everything under control with players area, cheer area and the crowd. I say everything accept NO!!!!!! "DIET SNAPPLE PEACH ICE TEA!" .....next stop.....**ORANGE**.....I loved all the Orange Chief signs on the walk way up to the field and the field has good crowd control, Jeff and the Orange crew great job, and yes they did have "DIET SNAPPLE PEACH ICE TEA!".....now off to .....**HUNTINGTON BEACH**.....They were playing on the main field and it was beautiful good job Dave very good crowd control, good snack shack setup and please thank your wife for my "DIET SNAPPLE PEACH ICE TEA".....now off to .....**WESTMINISTER**....They have a line every 10 yards but no 5 yard lines. They must be cheap or going green, you see I bet it only use half the paint, good idea Anibal way to look out for the economy and the environment! High Five for that but 2 thumbs down because you had NO "DIET SNAPPLE PEACH ICE TEA" but I did get my first burnt hot dog of the year (this was not a mistake it is the way I like / love them).....now off to.....**FOUNTAIN VALLEY**.....I love the

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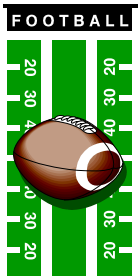

new field and again like I said about the other fields today great crowd control, it was nice seeing you Crystal and also Dan Tusa. Crystal you must be doing something right because all your people seem very happy, only one problem no "DIET SNAPPLE PEACH ICE TEA".....now off to my last stop of the day.....**IRVINE**.....they had 11 games at the site games at the main field and games on the JV field, by the time I got there only one game was left for the main field and it was the Midget division IV vs SG, boy they have big boys on both teams. Pre game was a little ruff but once the game got started things went well and all the players had fun and so did I because I had plenty of "DIET SNAPPLE PEACH ICE TEA".....Thanks Mike!!.....Now, on my way home after a long day, I would just like to add one more thing something for all of us to think about.....Fri(END), Boyfri(END), Girlfri(END), Bestfri(END). Everything has an END except...Fam(ILY)! It Has 3 Letters that say I LOVE YOU. .....**GOOD BYE** to my football family till next week.....

Eye'll Be Seeing You Next Week!...