

JOKES

An old man had enjoyed peace and quiet until two boys suddenly moved into the neighborhood. Each day on their way home from school would bang on the trash cans.

The old man told them he liked their banging the cans and would give them a dollar each day to keep doing it. After a few days he told them his Social Security check had been reduced and he could now only afford to pay more than \$.50 a day. They grumbled a little bit but accepted.

A few days later he told them that his check was late and he had some unexpected bills so now he could only pay a quarter. The boys said it was not worth it to bang on the cans for a measly quarter and said: «We quit.»

A little boy was sitting outside a store eating one snickers candy bar after another, when an older man walked up and said: "You shouldn't be eating so much candy, it'll rot your teeth, it's just bad for you to eat so much candy."

The little boy looked up and said: "My grandfather lived to be 95 years old". The older man asked: "Oh? by eating snickers candy bars?" The little boy said: "No.....by minding his own business."

A blonde is feeling really lousy and goes to the doctor. He gives her a thorough examination and tells her: "Good news. You're going to have a baby!" The blonde says: "I can't be pregnant. I'm not married!" The doctor says: "Well, you are pregnant." The blonde says: "Are you sure it's mine?"

Two bowling teams, one of all Blondes and one of all Brunettes, charter a double-Decker bus for a weekend trip to Louisiana. The Brunette team rode on the bottom of the bus, and the Blonde team rode on the top level. The Brunette team down below really whooped it up, having a great time, when one of them realized she hadn't heard anything from the Blondes upstairs. She decided to go up and investigate.. When the Brunette reached the top, she found all the Blondes in fear, staring straight ahead at the road, clutching the seats in front of them with white knuckles.. The brunette asked, 'What the heck's

Never know what an old guy will say. I took my dad to the mall the other day to buy some new shoes [he's 66]. We decided to get a bite to eat at the food court.

I noticed he was watching a teenager sitting next to him. The teenager had spiked hair in different colors-green, red, orange and blue.

My dad kept staring at her. The teenager kept looking and would find my dad staring everytime. When the teenager had enough, she sarcastically asked: "What's the matter, old man, never done anything wild in your life?" Knowing my dad I quickly swallowed my food so I would not choke on his response: I knew he would have a good one! In classic style without batting an eyelid: "Got stoned once and made it with a peacock. I was just wondering if you were my daughter."

Dr. Oz on TV said that to reach inner peace we should always finish things we have started and we all could use more calm in our lives.

I looked around my house to find things I'd started & hadn't finished, so I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valiuminun scriptins, an a box a chocletz. Yu haf no idr how fablus I feel rite now.

A man got on the bus with both of his front pants pockets full of golf balls and sat down next to a beautiful blonde. The puzzled blonde kept looking at him and his bulging pockets.

Finally, after many glances from her, he said, "It's golf balls."

The blonde continued to look at him for a very long time, thinking deeply about what he had said.

After several minutes, not being able to contain her curiosity any longer, she asked, "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

Fuel Efficient Airbus A320 Added to MEA's International Fleet

The new aircraft lands at Beirut airport.



BEIRUT: A brand new Airbus A320 passenger plane joined the Middle East Airlines (MEA) fleet as part of efforts to expand the operations of the national carrier. The A320, holding manufacturer serial number 5000, was delivered to the company from production plants near Hamburg, Germany.

A statement issued by MEA said the plane was among "the most modern, fuel efficient aircrafts in their category." It said the jet is powered by International Aero Engines V2500 engines.

According to the statement the plane features superbly comfortable and spacious cabin that has and state of the art entertainment with audio and video on demand.

"Handing MSN5000 over to MEA is a real pleasure for Airbus. The Lebanese flag carrier has shown great courage maintaining its operations in the face of difficulty," said Tom Enders, Airbus president and CEO. Around 8,300 A320 aircraft have been ordered, with around 4,900 delivered to more than 350 airlines around the world.

Why is the iPhone made in China and not America? Apple points to the Chinese factory dormitories that mean workers are on call 24 hours a day

By Ted Thornhill

President Barack Obama once asked the late Steve Jobs why iPhones couldn't be made in the U.S. - and the former CEO told him they would never be made on home soil, according to a witness. Apple does employ 43,000 people in the U.S compared to 20,000 overseas, but that's dwarfed by the 400,000 workers from America that General Motors employed in the 1950s. Apple insiders say that China simply offers too much production power and flexibility to be ignored - with some plants even housing workers on site so they're available at the drop of a hat.

Once a foreman woke up 8,000 workers with tea and biscuits so they could fit newly designed iPhone screens in 12-hour shifts, according to a report in The New York Times.

Just three days later 10,000 iPhones a day were rolling off the production line. The executive told the paper: 'The speed and flexibility is breathtaking. There's no American plant that can match that.' Another former executive, Jennifer Rigoni, told the same paper that Foxconn, which makes the iPhone, 'could hire 3,000 people overnight'. She exclaimed: 'What U.S. plant can find 3,000 people overnight and convince them to live in dorms?' When Apple decided that 8,700 engineers would be required to oversee the 200,000 iPhone workers on the production lines, it calculated that nine months would be needed to find them in America - China rustled them up in a staggering 15 days. Foxconn, it's reported, also deploys hundreds of guards to ensure that the thousands of workers walking around its factories don't get caught in bottlenecks. Mr Jobs told Mr Obama that more jobs could go back to the U.S. - but only if there were simply more engineers available to be employed.



going on up here? We're having a great time downstairs! One of the Blondes looked up at her, swallowed hard and whispered...

'YEAH, BUT YOU'VE GOT A DRIVER!

Save Washington Street Campaign



Washington, DC . The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) urges its members to support the campaign to protect the last remnants of what was once a small but vibrant Arab American neighborhood in New York City's Lower Manhattan from impending demolition. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, "Little Syria" had been a hub for immigrants establishing their lives in America - Lebanese, Syrians, and other Arabs among them. A central place where peoples of all ethnic backgrounds came to engage in business, it was the first major Arab American neighborhood and is part of our collective story as Americans. Today, only three buildings remain along Washington Street as relics of this cherished past:

a tenement, a community center, and the former St. George's Syrian Catholic Church. Todd Fine and Carl Antoun have dedicated themselves to the mission of ensuring that the piece of Arab American history told through the presence of these buildings is not erased. With St. George's having been designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission as a protected landmark in 2009, Fine and Antoun are spearheading an urgent and inspiring campaign to establish the same status for the other two buildings. To succeed, they need the help of the community. Arab Americans have always been a part of the American story. This unique trio of buildings along Washington Street stands as an affirmation of this fact.

KIDZ CORNER

Soledad O'Brien

Turn Mistakes into Learning Opportunities was the Best Thing I Learned in my Childhood that I could Apply to my Adulthood

Soledad O'Brien is well known as a journalist that goes after the unknown. Reporting on subjects that most journalists would pass over as not sensational enough or too ordinary. But Soledad O'Brien likes looking at the normal day to day people that make the fabric of our country. I sat down in the lobby of the Hilton hotel in Houston, Texas and here's our interview.



Q. "As a kid growing up, what do you think prepared you for what you've accomplished as an adult?"

A. "My parents did really well for me, as a kid growing up - they let me try a lot of things and I think when you try a lot of things and sometimes fail at a lot of things you really figure out either how to overcome failure or the things you're really good at! My parents were really good at not protecting me from making mistakes and that's really an important process for growth instead of getting all wound up about your mistakes you have to come back and say, "How can I do that better next time?" And the great thing about that as an adult, you literally have to do that all the time or you're going to crumble every time you make a mistake and you're not going to get anywhere! So figuring out how to turn mistakes into learning opportunities was the best thing I learned in my childhood that I could apply to my adulthood."

Q. "Covering stories that normally wouldn't have been covered - were there times when it was tough to do - maybe because it wasn't a story that was popular? And how did you make it happen?"

A. "Yes, it is sometimes tough to do. Sometimes people don't see the value of the story. But I don't mind that because the upside to this is if you get the right story - not everybody else is covering it. I'm there kind of by myself. The documentary that we're doing now is about the lack of diversity in Silicone Valley and now suddenly it's become a very popular issue and we're kind of in the forefront and that's a story we really pushed to get told."

Q. Kids have all kinds of obstacles growing up - what obstacle did you have and how did you overcome it?"

A. "I grew up in a town that was mostly a white town - like 99% and my mom is black and Cuban and my dad is white and Australian so we were this first generation Americans with big giant afros and my parents both spoke a little funny so I think the "blending in thing" you want to do as a kid growing up was hard for us. But I think the upside to that was we became very tight as a family and also I learned you don't have to be the most popular to be successful. It's ok if people don't like you. It's ok if you don't have a million friends - you really just need 1 maybe 2 good friends and that was a really good lesson for me."

Q. "When did you think in your reporting that you captured a moment that made a big difference?"

A. "I think Hurricane Katrina, was one of the very first times, as an organization, with CNN, we told a story that really needed to be told and we held a lot of people accountable. When I was walking through the airport, we used to go into New Orleans in shifts ...and people gave us a standing ovation ...it was really one of the most amazing things that ever happened to me in my life because it meant our work mattered."

Q. Do you think every story should be personal or is that ok or not ok?"

A. "Sometimes people say reporters need to be objective and I think people interpret that to mean to be cold and uncaring when telling a story. I think you need to be objective by not going into a story with an agenda - be open to hear peoples sides and peoples perspectives but I think you can never lose if your compassionate. I've interviewed serial killers and I was very interested about who they were as a person. I just wanted to understand them and that's a certain level of compassion for another human being. I don't think you can ever go wrong with that. It's much more unnerving to me when a reporter clearly just doesn't care about what they are covering."